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WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF B.E.F. RETREAT FROM GREECE

Mr Churchill Tells First Part Of The Thrilling Story

LONDON, APR. 30 (REUTER).—THE EVACUATION OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE, THOUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, WAS DISCLOSED BY MR WINSTON CHURCHILL IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

NON-CONVOY MOTIONS VOTED OUT

Senate Committee's Decision Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day voted 13 to 10 against sending to the Senate either one of two anti-convoys resolutions; namely, Senator Charles McNary's measure forbidding peacetime convoys operating, and Senator Gerald Nye's resolution requiring the President to obtain Congressional consent before conveying or transporting war materials to Britain.

High Speed Boats For Britain

From United States

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference to-day that the United States expected to build substantial numbers of high speed motor boats for Britain.

He emphasised that no larger warships are available for transfer.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that request for 24 more motor torpedo boats was expected very soon from Britain.

The remaining inactive fleet division of the United States Navy's organised reserves would be mobilised between May 1 and May 30, said Colonel Knox. About 230 officers and 4,000 men were involved.

Air Raid On England

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A coast town in southwest England was the main target of a strong formation of the Luftwaffe last night. Another town in the southwest and a town in South Wales were also attacked.

Flares lit the sky for miles in the southwest and bombs fell in a widely scattered area.

No Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—No bombs were dropped on Britain during daylight to-day, says the Air Ministry.

A small number of German aircraft, flying singly, crossed the coast at widely-separated points but nowhere did they fly for inland.

The communiqué says that it is now confirmed that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed last night.

Plymouth Blitzed Fifth Time In Nine Nights

(By "Reuter" Staff Reporter)

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 20 (Reuter).—This front line city on England's southwest shore is assuming the mantle that was Coventry's. Last night, the fifth night in nine, the city endured again the full fury of the German night bombers.

No provincial city has suffered a more concentrated bombing, and to-day Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of thanks to Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, for the magnificent help of the Food Ministry in feeding the townspeople from flying food convoys.

To-night some of the city's streets are nothing more than a desert of dusty rubble. They are the streets which the citizens leave for the

The Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, sent a letter to Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Committee, opposing the Tobey resolution.

Representative Charles Gerlach introduced a bill in the House authorising the President to transfer 50 additional destroyers to Britain for the purpose of conveying war shipments. They would be manned by British sailors and fly the British flag.

Senator Walter George, discussing the convoy controversy, stated that both the Nye and Tobey resolutions would have prohibited the conveying of vessels to South American waters and would also ban convoys to China.

Campbell In Durazzo?

Nazi Wireless Report

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Sitting in the best hotel in Durazzo reading and playing bridge are diplomats and families—some 50 persons altogether—members of the Dutch, Belgian, Polish and British Legations and Consulates in Belgrade, according to a special correspondent of the German wireless service in Albania.

The message claims that Mr Ronald Campbell, the British Minister in Belgrade, is among the party.

The world has been seeking his whereabouts since the German occupation of Yugoslavia and yesterday the British Government asked the United States to enquire from the Italian and German Governments news of Mr Campbell.

A message yesterday from the official German news agency said that Mr Campbell was captured at sea on his way to Crete by the Italian Navy. Now they say that the diplomatic party was surprised by Italian troops as it was about to embark on a British submarine which got away.

The message adds that the Italian Government has not yet decided on their future.

The Prime Minister declared: "Up to the moment when evacuation was seen to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 men in Greece, including one New Zealand and one Australian division. Of these, at least 45,000, have been evacuated. (Cheers)"

"Considering that our air force was, through the superiority of the enemy force, compelled to leave airfields from which it could alone effectively cover the retreat of the troops and that only a small portion would be used to cover the points of embarkation, this must be considered remarkable."

Retreat Advised By Greeks

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Greek Government letter to the British Government was read by Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons.

It was as follows: "The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and gallant Imperial troops their gratitude for the aid to Greece in the defence against an unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement:—

"After conducting a victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces for more than six months, the Greek Army has now reached a stage of exhaustion and finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of the war like munitions, motorised vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities."

No Chance of Success

"This state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend assistance to their valiant ally in view of the importance of the British contingents, in view of the aviation at their disposal, and in view of the extent of the front heroically defended by them."

"The Imperial forces absolutely need the assistance of the Greek Army, without which they could not prolong their own resistance for more than a few days."

Useless Bloodshed

"In these conditions, continuation of the struggle while incapable of producing a useful effect would have no other result than to bring about TURN TO BACK PAGE, Column 3

War Holidays Advocated

Government Statement

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An official Government statement on summer holidays says that Government takes the views that for the purposes of efficiency in war production and in other essential business, the customary summer holiday, not exceeding one week, should in General be taken this year.

In some firms, it may be better from the viewpoint of efficiency to close down for a holiday period if advantage can be taken to overhaul the plant.

The statement says that holidays should spread over the period from May to October.

Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the Whit Monday holiday in England and Wales will not be cancelled for the Victoria Day holiday in Scotland, though it will be necessary for people engaged on special urgent production to work on those days.

"The conduct of the troops, especially the rearguard in fighting their way so many miles to the sea, merits the highest praise. It is the first instance where air bombing, prolonged day after day, has failed to break the discipline and order of marching columns who, besides being thus assailed from the air, were pursued by no less than three German armoured divisions as well as the whole strength of the German mechanised forces which could be brought to bear."

Front Line Casualties

"In the actual fighting, principally on Mount Olympus, round Grevena and at Thermopylae, about 3,000 casualties, killed and wounded are reported to have been suffered by our troops. This was a very small part of the losses inflicted on the Germans who, on several occasions, sometimes for two days at a time, were brought to a standstill by forces one-fifth of their number. Nor does it take any account of the German losses incurred in their assaults upon the Greek and Yugo-Slav armies."

"I dare say it will be possible to give a fuller account in the debate next week, but I think that I have said enough to show that I have no regrets, we have much to be thankful for and that the Empire's forces have much to be proud of." (Loud Cheers).

When asked whether that meant that 45,000 had successfully reached their bases, Mr Churchill replied: "TURN TO BACK PAGE, Column 3

AUDACIOUS RESCUE ATTEMPT By British Sub.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An attempt by a British submarine to rescue the British Minister to Yugo-Slavia in an Italian-occupied port on the Dalmatian coast is told in the following British Admiralty communiqué:

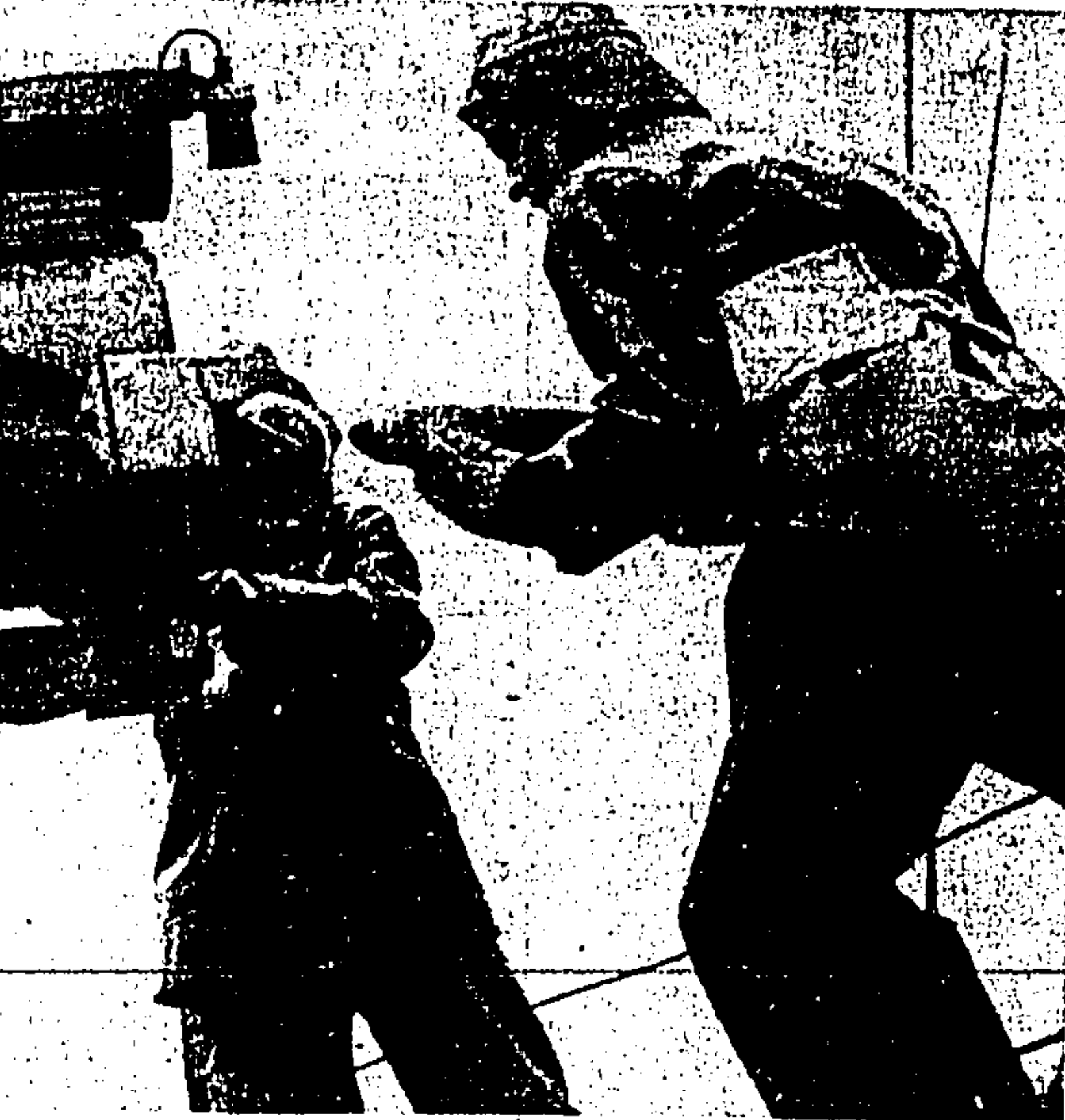
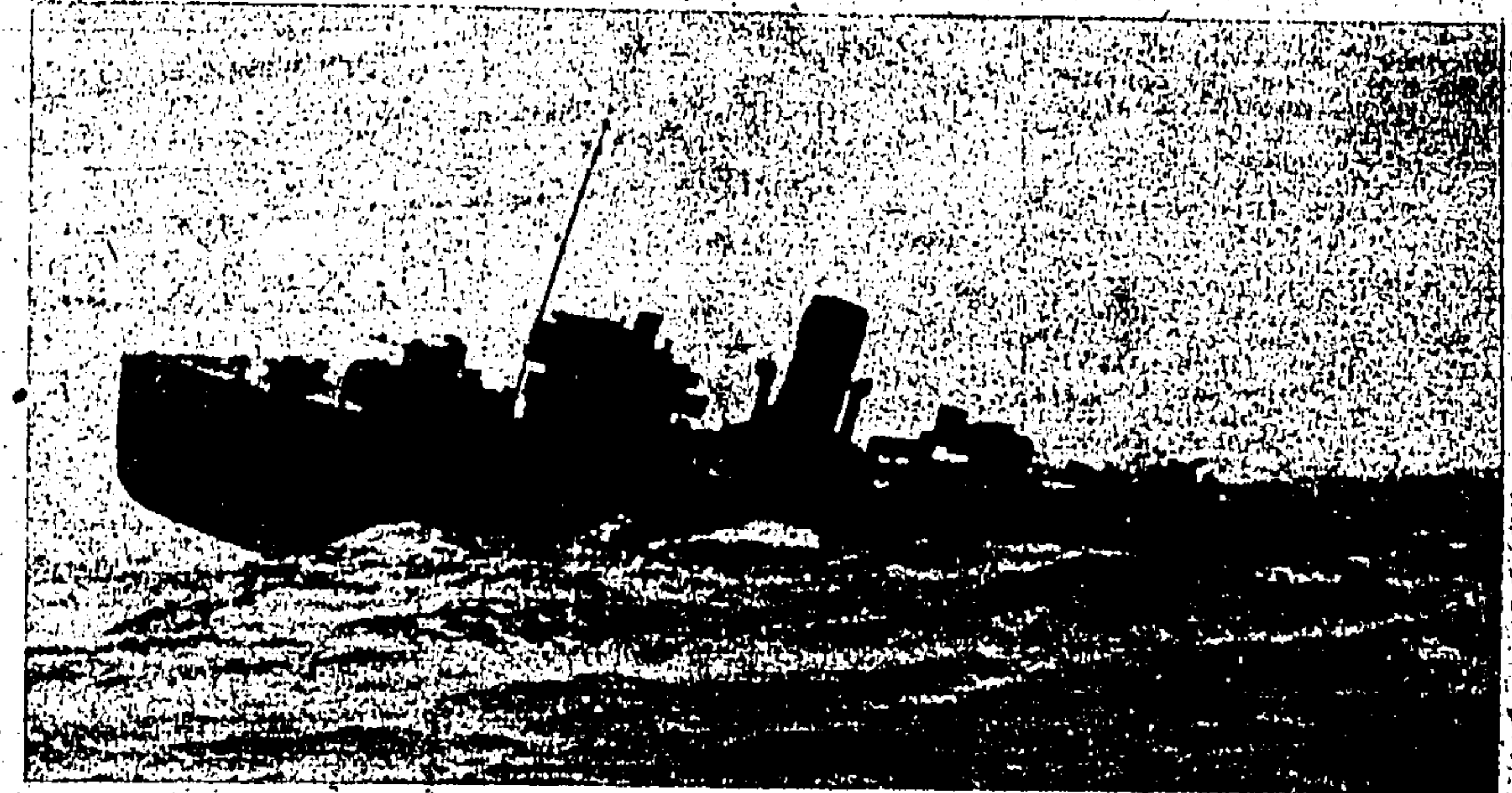
"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lieut-Commander P. J. H. Barlett) to embark Mr Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugo-Slavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugo-Slav resistance."

"At dawn on April 26, the port was occupied by the Italian Army. Nevertheless, the Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer-in-charge. As a result an Italian Army Staff Officer was embarked in the Regent as a hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr Ronald Campbell."

"Meanwhile the Regent lay in harbour, wearing her largest White Ensign, and surrounded by large forces of the Italian Army. This tense but farcical situation continued TURN TO BACK PAGE, Column 3

Corvette Goes Into Action

These pictures were taken on board a corvette while sailing 3,000 miles on convoy escort duty in the Atlantic. The corvettes are Britain's new answer to the U-boat menace. First picture shows one of these craft riding the heavy seas, and below that the ship's 4-in gun being loaded in readiness should a submarine, which has been heard, come to the surface.



Four Nazis Taken From U.S. Ship

Canadian War Vessel Acts In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Canadian auxiliary cruiser Prince Rupert stopped the American liner President Garfield at 2.45 p.m. yesterday about 400 miles northeast of Honolulu. A boarding party examined the passenger list and removed four German citizens.

A radio message from Captain J. E. Murphy stated that the vessel continued on her course for Honolulu at 3.42 p.m. and is due here at noon.

The four Germans were Ewald Flesch, Werner Naumann, Hans Sandkman and Guenther Katze, formerly employed in South America and held by immigration officials in San Francisco since last August after their arrival from Colombia, when the N.Y.K. Line refused to provide them with passage, fearing that the British might intercept them.

Russia Masses Forces For May Day Parade, And—?

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Soviets have massed dozens of squadrons of planes, heavy artillery and tanks for the May Day demonstration, coincident with the reports of the landing of German troops in Finland.

The newspaper "Red Star" to-day commented: "The international situation is extraordinarily complicated and fraught with surprises, but no matter what storm rages about us, the ship of state is continuing its course unflinchingly."

The former Finnish Communist Chief, Teuvo Antikainen, writing in the "Pravda" said, "In capitalist countries behind our borders, national hatreds, beastly chauvinism and ideology, and plunderous war is spreading."

German Landings

MOSCOW, Apr. 30 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" quoting a report from Tölin said that German troops aboard four transports landed at Abo on April 26 and proceeded to Tampere on the 28th.

Official Denial

BERNE, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Reports of joint German and Finnish manoeuvres in Finland are officially denied in Helsinki, states a Swiss communiqué.

Gibraltar Ready For Attack

VICHY, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Troopships, escorted by two destroyers, arrived at Gibraltar and sailed again, according to an Algeiras dispatch.

A sham air attack was made on Gibraltar last night when planes dropped sandbags, representing bombs.

To-night long-range firing practice is being carried out on the northern front of the rock.

Rounding Up Italians In Abyssinia

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In Abyssinia, the rounding up of the Italians continues. Another isolated garrison was captured at Socota on the Asmara-Dessie road, south of Amba Alagi.

The difficult country hereabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi.

Light rains are beginning to fall, particularly in South Abyssinia, but heavy rains are not due till the middle of May. The present rain is already having some effect on the roads and tracks in southern Abyssinia.

R.A.F. Attacks

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps were attacked in the Tadda area in Abyssinia by the South African Air Force. Motor transports were destroyed and heavy casualties were caused among the white and native troops.

Direct hits were made on a building at Tandeso aerodrome. Four planes are missing from all operations in the Middle East.

CHINESE ARTIST

Mr Chang Shu-chi, well-known Chinese bird and flower painter, who recently presented to President Roosevelt a picture of 100 doves, will shortly sail for the United States with about 500 pieces of his best works for exhibition there under the instructions of the Ministry of Education.

Manila— Singapore Air Service

By Pan-American

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Civil Air Authority to-day authorised Pan-American Airways to operate a service between Manila and Singapore.

New Daily Service

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Matson Navigation Company to-day announced the creation of a Division of Air Transport which is believed to be a forerunner to the announcement of a daily clipper plane passenger, mail and freight service between San Francisco and Honolulu.

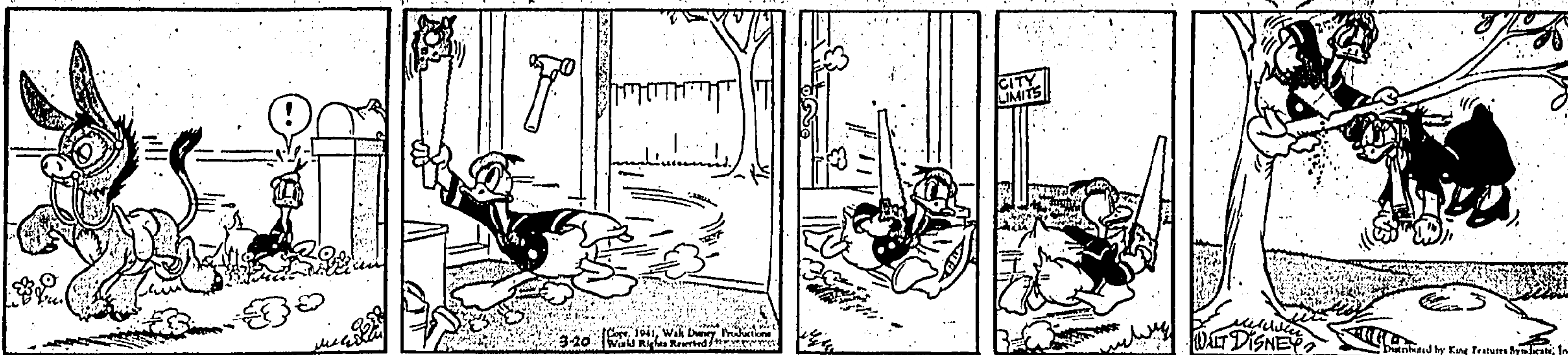
The company refused to amplify on the announcement but it is understood a formal statement regarding the proposed air service may be issued following a meeting of the Matson executives to-morrow.

Quaker Ambulance Unit For China

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Four members of the Quaker Ambulance Unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Mr Peter Tomkins, are leaving this week for Chungking for high-altitude service. The Chinese Government may think best.

The full party numbers 40, of whom 36 are following shortly.

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By Walt Disney

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By Lichty



"It'll be a smash hit tune for our mechanised army—I'm calling it, 'Clank, Clank, Clank, the Boys Are-Marching!'"

SPY-1941 MODEL

Espionage isn't what it used to be. Glamour is out, and business men are preferred. The changing character of this war-time 'profession' is here discussed by a well-known American war correspondent.

The Mata Haris of this war have taken a back seat behind plain John Businessmen, ace espionage agent of 1941.

For it takes more than good looks and intelligence to cross frontiers in Europe to-day. One businessman with no charm at all, but with business abroad, is worth far more to European intelligence services than a bevy of beauties.

Which is why counter espionage officials of neutral governments say they believe Britain now has a big edge on Germany in military information.

Britain's trade empire is paying dividends with perhaps the world's most active, and underpaid, spies—business men, manufacturers, technicians and industrialists of many countries whose prewar income was based on trade with British firms.

They Travel

War or no war, those men travel. War needs their intelligence and war machines are made of what they have to sell. No matter how tight a frontier may be "sealed," the man who has what the government wants will always be able to pass.

Eventually he comes back out again. Then he may go directly to a British (or German) friend—perhaps a diplomat, perhaps a businessman, perhaps just a social acquaintance.

Used By All

He tells of industrial bottlenecks in war production in the country factory striving to widen that bottleneck. Perhaps he's surprised and perhaps he isn't when he reads in his paper a few days later that the same factory has been bombed.

All belligerents use these commercial spies to the fullest possible extent. Some even start off their business trips with special missions, a fact which their hosts frequently

guess. Some come back with false information hung around their necks by hosts who fully expect them to report to the enemy.

Here's an example of how they work—fictitious, but in a pattern familiar to commercial attaches and government agents.

Blindspot on the bombing map, we'll say, is the town of Roim, 40 miles east of the junction of the Dutch and Belgian frontiers. The German industrial directly tells the British what factories are in or near the town, what they are equipped to make and how big they are. It does not tell them what they're now making, nor does it say what troops are in Roim.

Director A Fumble

The German industrial directory was somebody's fumble in Berlin and a boon to the R.A.F. It comes out every year and the 1940 edition appeared as usual, giving, with typical German thoroughness, even the new locations to which certain key factories had been transferred. Bombs followed. The industrial directory was not published this year.

On with the example. London sends word to all commercial agents, businessmen and British official representatives abroad that they want to know what is going on in Roim where there's a glass company, a steel mill, a firm making frames for racing bicycles and a soap factory.

A British commercial agent in Madrid may be a resident Englishman selling business insurance to Spanish companies. He has a wide acquaintance and he has means of meeting the Spanish distributing agents for the Roim Glass Company's hotel table glasses.

Perhaps he meets them himself, perhaps he delegates the job to a Spanish hotel owner who may be viewed by the distributors as a customer. Perhaps the distributors have visited Roim recently and if not, then certainly a Roim salesman has been calling. Germany needs foreign exchange.

The salesman, while explaining the delay in filling orders, may happen to mention that the factory's warehouses have been used by the military to store military equipment or to house troops.

Danube barge makers in Yugoslavia get their steel from Germany. The heads of the firm visit Germany on buying expeditions and talk to the owners of the little Roim plant where plate steel is made.

Swiss chemists from idle Swiss factories are sent to Germany by their firms to study German methods of making soap out of coal or other materials in order to keep the Swiss factory busy filling German orders.

Portuguese bicycle dealers buy most of their bicycle frames where they can, for there's little iron in Portugal and the shipments from the United States and Britain are rare these days. They may go to Roim, too.

"It sounds like luck," said a commercial man who outlined the picture, "but it isn't. Business crosses frontiers and with it goes espionage."

He estimated that at least half the information handled by military intelligence in London came from commercial source or through commercial channels.

Information In Invoices

Commerce provides a way to get the information out even when there are no individuals crossing the frontiers. Mails go through and the strictest censorship cannot hope to cope with the vast quantity of commercial data contained in the mail.

An order, an invoice, even the goods themselves may be used to convey military information with or without the knowledge of the shipper. The arrival of 10 cases of camera lenses in Switzerland addressed to an innocent Swiss dealer might tell a British customer of the shop that 10 German air squadrons were based in a Netherlands coast port.

War-Time Weddings

WAR-TIME weddings are not without their humorous side. An R.A.F. officer was being married in a fashionable church, and a nervous young subaltern was acting as usher. Noticing a very dignified lady entering the church, the subaltern hurried towards her and inquired, "Friend of the bridegroom?"

"Certainly not," was the frigid reply. "I'm the bride's mother."

The war-time wedding was just over, and the organist was playing the first bars of the Wedding March.

"What's that?" asked a lady guest, turning to her husband. "Oh," he replied, "that's the beginning of 'Stormy Weather!'"

A naval officer was getting married, and was trying to rehearse the ceremony with his best man.

"And you're sure I have to be on the right side of Ethel?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes," said the best man, "and on the right side of her mother, too."

A soldier, who in civil life is a jeweller's assistant, was very nervous at his wedding.

The time came for him to give the ring to the bride, but for the life of him he couldn't remember what he had to say.

"The minister," prompted him.

"With this ring," prompted him. The bridegroom's face cleared and he gave a sigh of relief. "With this ring," he said volubly, "we give a written guarantee, reminding the customer that the purchase price will willingly be refunded in full if the article is not entirely as represented."

The war-time wedding knot had been well and truly tied. The soldier bridegroom turned to his bride's father and said, "Well, I'm glad that's over."

The bride's father laughed. "Over? My dear boy, it's only just started."

An R.A.M.C. officer hovered at the door of a church where a military wedding was taking place.

"Are you a friend of the bride or the bridegroom?" inquired the usher.

"No," replied the officer. "The usher was rather taken aback, and asked timidly, 'Then what interest have you in the wedding?'"

"I'm the defeated candidate," was the grim reply.

A war-time wedding had been arranged to take place in a country church, and a stalwart sergeant and a pretty country girl presented themselves at the altar steps.

The ceremony started and proceeded smoothly until the minister asked the sergeant if he would take the girl for his wife. The sergeant remarked, "Excuse me, sir, but I'm not the bridegroom."

"Then where on earth is the bridegroom?" asked the startled minister.

"He's outside the door, sir," explained the sergeant. "He's only a corporal, and he's too shy to come in."

A Scottish war-time wedding was in full swing, and the bridegroom was in the Home Guard. One guest remarked to the best man, "The bride's no verra bonnie."

"Aye, I ken," agreed the best man. "But what's far mair important is that she's a vegetarian and takes nae sugar in her tea. The bridegroom's a lucky man. He'll get her rations."

Margaret Hillman

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

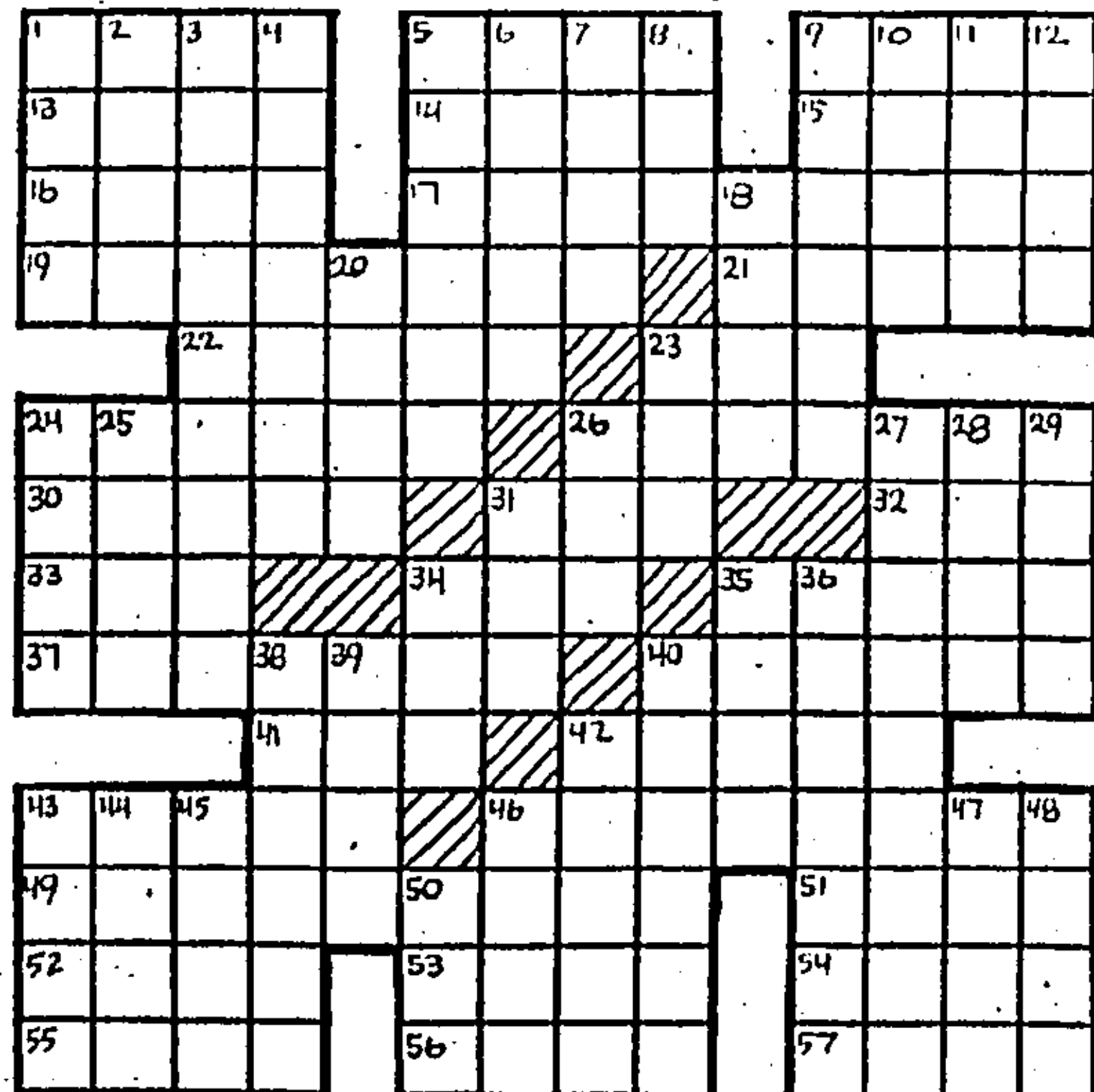
ACROSS

- Cute short
- Notable times
- Medieval tablet
- Leave out
- Italian melody
- Steppe confidence
- Painted
- Digs underground
- Periodic rise and fall of ocean level
- Conquer
- Scolds
- Piece of twine
- Birth
- Immolation in Virgil
- Pretext again
- Performed
- Cavalry weapon
- Told
- Building, as of land
- Crow-like bird
- Path
- Arise from sleep
- Elementary text-books
- Pertaining to literary symbolic representation
- Above
- Part of house
- Exercise right of suffrage
- Web-like membrane
- Berpet-lizard

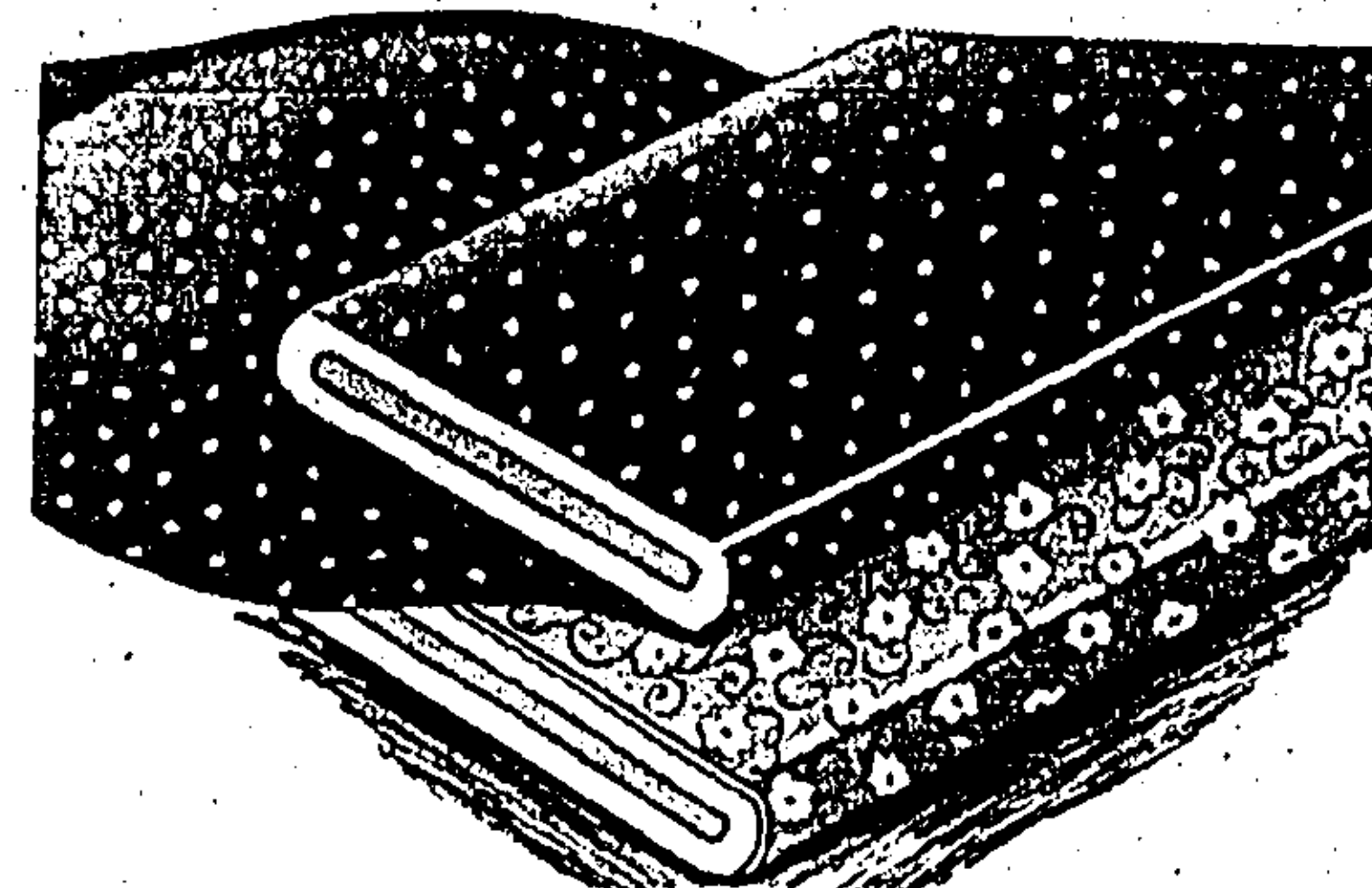
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Make hole in
- Foretell by mouthful sign
- Two-sided
- In golf, impeded by opponent's ball
- Schools (French)
- Cables of twisted hemp
- Imitated
- German (abbr.)
- Domestic utensil of Romans
- Press
- Silver coin of Italy
- Collection of legendary literature
- Moment
- But life into
- Utter in affected manner
- Command
- Arrange in list
- All time
- Concoct
- Storming moisture
- Blutched joint
- But life into
- Parties (French)
- Building required
- Blunt
- Pinque-like member
- Yellow tracks of
- Made commonplace by repetition
- International flight
- Import-producing plant
- Shall note
- Increase in size
- Turned over
- Remove ovaries from
- Escalated ornament



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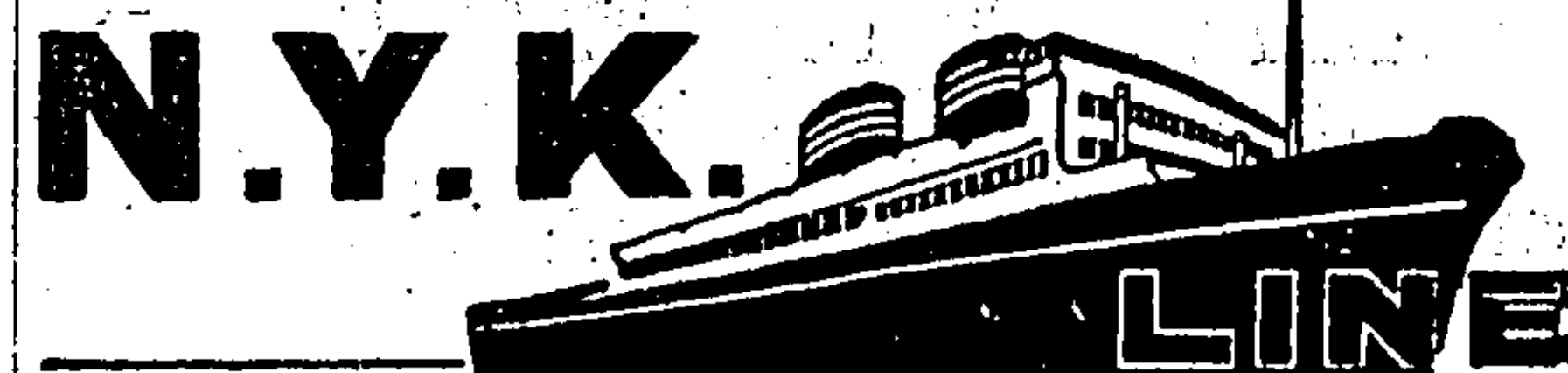
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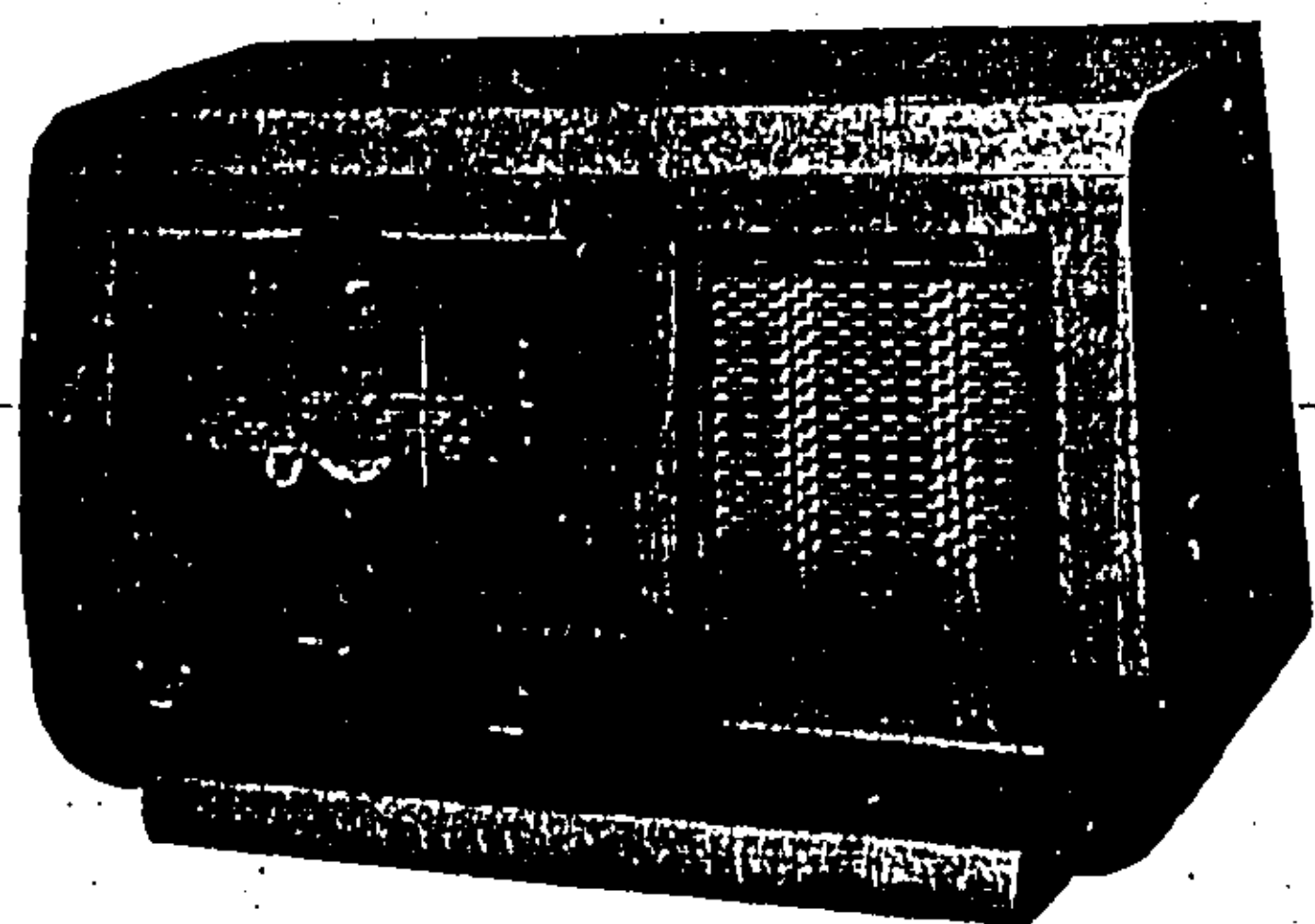
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BRITAIN'S SEA POWER

A few weeks ago the North African campaign monopolised the headlines of the world press. Attention then veered to Greece and the heroic fight the Grecian and Imperial Forces put up against overwhelming odds. Greece has now fallen and attention is again being focussed on North Africa, where the stage is set for a determined German onslaught on Egypt. Hitler is losing no time in developing this attack, but whether he can succeed by another "blitz" is yet to be seen.

Greece has not proved a decisive action for Germany, but it has undoubtedly given her a number of air bases and supplies which should be advantageous in the anticipated drive towards the Suez Canal and the oil fields of Iraq and Iran. The acquisition of these places are pre-requisite to Hitler's drive for world domination. The need for oil, which the German Army must now be consuming at an alarming rate, forces him towards Iraq, while the occupation of the Suez Canal and Red Sea zone would link him with the Far East and the naval strength of Japan. But desirable as these points may be, it should not be forgotten that the ultimate and decisive battle will lie on the seas, where the battle is now, in fact, being fought.

The British Navy is even more silent about its work in wartime than in peacetime, but it is doing in this war what four navies did in the last. It is also fighting an enemy equipped with more submarines, far better bases and more assistance from the air than was ever dreamed of in the last world war. Furthermore, the Irish bases cannot be utilised as refuelling stations by the British; yet, in spite of these increased duties and the difficulties to be met with in their execution, it is the Navy which still maintains the biggest blockade in history. It is fighting the U-boat menace; it made it possible for Greece to mobilise; it assisted General Wavell successfully to carry through the African campaign, and it is helping in the defence of Egypt to-day. The British naval units in the Mediterranean have successfully beaten the Italian navy, and are prepared to carry the offensive still further.

Without defeating this sea power, Hitler's victories on land cannot win the war. General Smuts voiced this truth the other day when he stated, "Germany is winning victories and losing the war." Hitler is, however, astute enough to understand this

MANDEL FIGHTS the PEACE PLOT

France—the Whole Truth

Fifth Article In The Series by

ELIE J. BOIS

Famous Editor of the "Paris Parisian," who died in London on Monday



M. MANDEL—consistent opponent of the defeatist cabal round the Premier.

JUNE the thirteenth. Mr Winston Churchill had been told that the French Council of Ministers was divided.

He responded to an appeal made to him by M. Paul Reynaud that he should visit Tours to consult with the French Government.

He knew he would be asked to release France from the pledge she had signed not to negotiate either a separate armistice or peace.

The matter was of exceptional gravity, and he took Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook with him. Mr Churchill's interview with M. Reynaud took place in one of the official rooms of the Prefecture and lasted a long while.

Everywhere, in the corridors, the hall and the courtyard, there was a turbulent crowd.

"I Insist On It!"

There were ministers, politicians, journalists, functionaries, place-hunters—all the hubbub of the Parliamentary lobbies during great Ministerial crises—and a woman.

This woman, Helene de Portes, came and went between the hall and the courtyard.

She wanted to get into the room where Reynaud and Churchill were conferring, but she was prevented from doing so and grew impatient.

She sent for Baudouin, reminding him of his promises, urging him to use all his influence with Reynaud.

"Tell Paul that we must give up. We must make an end of it. There must be an armistice! Tell Paul so, won't you?—from me. I insist on it."

Her face wore an angry expression, and her hair was ruffled.

A moment came when a man in uniform lost patience. He took advantage of M. Baudouin's return to the hall to say to him bluntly, as he pointed to where she was standing:

"Get that woman out of here, for the dignity of France. If not, I'll do it myself!"

By chance I met M. Reynaud at a bend in a corridor as he was coming out of the conference.

"You're not capitulating?" I asked, with anxiety.

"Never. Don't worry. But I'm forcing the note of

fully, and every shipyard under German control is working with this purpose in view. The Suez Canal is valuable to Hitler only because it would give him an unbroken link with the Japanese navy. The efforts of Berlin to obtain the French Fleet have been unending since France fell, and in all the talks between Berlin, Paris and Vichy the question of sea power is the dominant key-note. The battle for supremacy on the sea has begun and must continue until the decisive battle has been fought and won.

despair to get the English to give us the maximum of help."

Waiting For U.S.

M. Reynaud had sent a message to Mr Roosevelt, in which he begged him: "To declare publicly that the United States would grant the Allies moral and material support by every means short of sending an expeditionary force."

The two heads of Governments agreed to await Mr Roosevelt's reply, after which they would reconsider the situation.

After Mr Churchill, Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook had left for London, a French Council of Ministers was immediately called.

Before going to it, M. Mandel had a telephone call put in to M. Langeron, the Prefect of Police in Paris.

Paris Rumours

It was to ask if anything abnormal was happening in Paris and whether the Germans were yet in sight.

The Prefect of Police answered:—

"In Paris the most complete order reigns. German advance guards are reported in the suburbs. 'Assure the Minister that all his instructions are being and will be faithfully carried out.'"

M. Langeron's words were sent on to M. Mandel and reached him just as he was taking his place at the council table.

M. Reynaud reported the gist of the conference which he had just had with Mr Churchill.

General Weygand reiterated his ultimatum of the day before in even more emphatic terms. They must ask for an armistice. News from the army was becoming more and more alarming.

He struck an attitude and, drawing a paper from his file, he said gravely, laying stress on his words:—

"Gentlemen, if I say we can wait no longer, it is not without reason."

"I have just had a telegram sent from the Admiralty, from which it appears that serious disturbances have broken out in Paris, and that Thorez (the Communist leader) has installed himself at the Elysee."

M. Lebrun started. All the members of the Council were thunderstruck. Except one!

Eve Of Disaster

M. Mandel indicated to the President, that he had something to say:—

"I should like to reassure you, Mr President, and also the Commander-in-Chief and the whole body of the Council."

"There are no riots in Paris and M. Thorez, Mr President, will not sleep in your bed this evening."

"Are you doubting my word?" cut in General Weygand harshly.

ilities of transporting available troops to Africa.

But before getting into the plane he pointed out to the head of the Government all the reasons for not despairing and the importance of resisting the evil influences which sought to envelop him.

His duty lay in Algiers or London. This was what, in a different tone and with similar arguments, Mandel repeated to the Premier each time he saw him.

But Helene de Portes was goading M. Reynaud in a different direction.

In this unparalleled period there was one man who fulfilled a difficult and burdensome mission with dignity, tact and patience.

This was the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.

I am sure that M. Daladier's memory of Sir Ronald Campbell is of a partner with whom he delighted to work and come to agreement.

I think that Sir Ronald's precision of mind must have been pleasing also to M. Reynaud.

I should be less ready to swear that Helene de Portes was fond of him. No! She did not like Sir Ronald Campbell, because she did not like Britain.

The Break

She did not like Britain because M. Baudouin did not like it either, and because Britain meant the Alliance with obligations which she was anxious to have broken.

Until the departure for Tours she did not express her feelings publicly.

At Tours she began to shake off restraint. At Bordeaux she went beyond all bounds.

Shall I inform Sir Ronald Campbell, or did he himself notice, that, if a door opened a trifle sometimes during the many interviews he had with M. Reynaud on June 14, 15 and 16, it was more often Helene de Portes who was to be seen there than an official or an usher?

She must have thought that this clean-shaven Briton with the piercing eye, whose easy dignity she found intimidating, was staying too long and was going to annul the influence she had exercised.

She watched eagerly for his departure to undo his work at once.

He suffered much at Bordeaux, where the defeatist cabal around the Premier, in the Foreign Office and among the politicians, had given up attempting to conceal their hostility to Britain.

They even went to the length of rudeness and boorish jest.

They gave the Ambassador, as his residence, a chateau 80 miles from Bordeaux in which there was not even a telephone.

M. Mandel, when told, quickly put matters right.

Thirteen Votes

The fifteenth of June came to an end without a solution being reached. But there was no denying that the "capitulationists" were gaining ground.

Reynaud was ever more constantly badgered to make an end.

The news which spread among a few groups during this night disquieted some and delighted others.

"Thirteen votes in favour of capitulation and nine against," predicted a man who was skilled at estimating ballots.

To-morrow

Marshal Petain decides to speed up surrender. Mr Churchill's offer of Franco-British union is dismissed without discussion. Baudouin decides. Final efforts to save the French Fleet fail.

M.P.'s Plan Helpful Debate On War Situation

(BY "REUTERS" PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Apr. 30.—The two-day debate on the war situation is likely to be devoted far more to the urgent question of increasing the war effort at home than to any post-mortem on the Government's decision to help Greece.

The Prime Minister's broadcast on Sunday had a good effect on public opinion and this has been reflected in the attitude of those who last week were critical of Government's action. Attention is being directed to the home front and its defects. The Minister of Supply to-day gave a satisfactory answer regarding the production of heavy tanks, but this is only one item in many that are required to wage a successful war against the armoured might of the enemy.

Question of Labour

There is also the question of labour. Critics claim that little has been done with the compulsory powers which the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced some time ago. Some members urge more drastic action regarding mobilisation of industry and labour for the war effort. Some responsible people are urging a radical change in the government machinery which, they feel, is not best fitted to get the maximum war effort. They suggest a reorganisation to ensure effective compliance with decisions of the executive.

Sparing No Effort

Members want the war effort extended in the greatest possible way and will spare no effort to achieve this, knowing that they have the whole-hearted support of the country. Closer co-operation with the leading Empire statesmen will certainly be urged though it is realised that such a direct co-operation in London is not as easy as in the last war owing to the more exacting call on their own Ministers by all the Dominions.

No Industrial Unrest In Australia

MELBOURNE, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—There is no industrial unrest in Australia, according to a cable from the Australian Trades Union Council to Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of the British Trades Union Council.

The cable assures British Trade Unionists that reports suggesting that there are serious industrial disturbances are untrue and a libel on Australian workers who are determined to destroy the forces of oppression.

The message supports the earlier statement by Mr. Holt, the Minister of Labour and National Service, who cabled to Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, in London describing as "utterly false" enemy propaganda alleging industrial unrest in Australia.

Another Shanghai Killing

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (UP).—A gunman to-night shot and killed Mr. Chu Tsu-tung, General Manager of the American registered "Hwa Mei Wan Pao" or "China Daily American News" while he was walking along Peking Road, one bullet entering his chest and the other his head. The gunman escaped.

More Enemy Territory

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Greece, except Crete, is to be regarded as enemy occupied territory for the purposes of the Trading with the Enemy Act and of blockade, announced the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

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QUICK TRAVEL—Napoleon's armies had to walk. Nowadays, armies even ride in buses. These are British troops rushing to cover after travelling in comfort to a western command area.

Former Gangland Big Shot Free Al Capone To Face Income Tax Claim

A BIG, swarthy man, whose face is the colour of tallow, has been taking a daily stroll along the Miami front during the past few months. Strollers, shoppers, and idlers watch his progress, and there is invariably a policeman or plain-clothes man walking in the same direction.

The man never takes the slightest notice of the sensation his morning walk causes. Once or twice a week he drops into a cafe or drug store, orders grape juice or lemonade, drinks it without a word, and continues his stroll.

The stroller is Al Capone, once boss of the United States underworld, Public Enemy No. 1, leader of a gang that sent hundreds to violent deaths, and biggest United States bootlegger of Prohibition days.

To-day Capone is as harmless as a suburban clerk, and far less respected. He is able to command a mere handful of dollars compared with the millions he once juggled with.

There is this difference, Capone goes in daily fear of his life from assassin gunmen hired by past rivals—hence police protection—and he faces a strenuous court battle with the United States Federal authorities.

Owes \$40,000 Tax

This ex-big shot owes the United States \$40,000 in income tax. Last time the case was up his lawyer said it was absolutely impossible for Capone to pay, and a stay of judgment was granted. But in a few days Capone will either have to find the money or be back to the prison hospital he left almost a year ago. His lawyers are busily preparing his defence, but it is known that they haven't been able to find money to meet the tax. Before he goes to bed at nine sharp, Capone confers with them to find a way out.

For the rest, Capone takes his stroll, drives his modest car, plays a little golf, and lies in the sun at his Palm Island estate in Miami.

Home Mortgaged

The house is luxurious, and has a swimming pool, but there is no liquor in it and no guns. What will happen to the court case is impossible to forecast. There have been broad hints that a compromise has been worked out. Al would like that. He doesn't want to go back to the gaol hospital again. He says, "I'm a sick man; I couldn't be any trouble even if I wanted to be."

FASTER EXPRESS TRAINS

THE war-time maximum speed of 60 miles per hour for passenger trains in Britain has been increased to 75 miles per hour by the L.M.S. Company.

Instructions have also been issued that drivers finding their trains running late must endeavour to make up for the lost time by bursts of high speed wherever possible.

The usual speed restrictions will be applied over curves and junctions. It is understood that these new instructions will also be introduced on the other railways.

Beer Change Announced

The British Brewers' Society has announced that all brewers will reduce by 10 per cent. the amount of cereal used in the brewing of their beer.

The brewing trade, it is stated, is making this voluntary reduction, at the request of the Food Ministry, to meet the reduced cereal supplies and the need to economise in the use of shipping space.

While the policy is to supply the necessary volume of beer where needed, different brewers will be left to make their own arrangements in securing the reduction of materials which the trade has agreed to make.

Birmingham Air Raids Led By 'Spy'

HANS CAESER was tall, blond and handsome. A typical German, he went to England nearly ten years ago to take up business in Birmingham as a dealer in precious stones.

He brought with him many introductions to people in Birmingham, for his uncle had lived in the city before 1914. But Hans had little need for introductions.

Luxurious Car
He was likeable and easily made friends, and soon his luxurious car was a familiar sight in Birmingham's streets.

He included among his acquaintances many people in influential positions. One of his hobbies was cinematography. Shortly before the outbreak of war Hans suddenly told his friends that business no longer justified his staying in England.

He packed his bag, and went back to his home on the Franco-German frontier.

"Good Work"

Nothing further was heard of him until the English announcer from Munich made boastful references to German air attacks on Birmingham.

His success, he said, was mainly due to the "good work" of Caesar, who knew the city intimately and led the main attack.

Reynaud In 'Safer' Prison

FRENCH political prisoners, including ex-Premiers Daladier and Reynaud, were reportedly recently to have been moved from their places of detention near German-occupied territory.

They are now at Vals, about 150 miles from the demarcation line, according to Radio Paris.

This action (writes Victor Schiff, "Daily Herald" former Paris correspondent) may have been taken in case of a sudden German invasion of unoccupied France.

"War Guilt"
By keeping the ex-Ministers at Vals the Government would be sure of giving itself time to save them from falling into German hands.

Since their detention those not actually facing trial—among them MM. Reynaud and Mandel—have been at Polesvoin.

M. Daladier, M. Leon Blum, the Socialist leader, and General Gamelin, who are to be tried on "war guilt" charges, have been at Bourrasol, near Riom.

The German news agency stated that only the Polesvoin prisoners have been moved.

Star Cast As Soldier For Year

James Stewart, \$3,000 a week movie actor, who recently won the Academy Award for the best acting in 1940, was inducted into the United States Army recently. As Private Stewart he is being paid \$321 a month.

He thought he was through with picture-taking for the year, but the Army has decided it wanted to make a shining example of him.

Major Arthur Davidson arranged a photographic and newsreel reception for the soldier film star at his induction ceremony.

Under the Conscription Act, Stewart will serve in the Army for a year.

Expert Flier
Stewart an expert flier, 6ft. 2in. in height, was found underweight when Army doctors examined him in the first draft last October.

He took a holiday from Hollywood, ate fattening foods, and passed the doctors a few days ago when he won the film Academy award for best male acting in 1940 in "Philadelphia Story."

U.S. 'Brain Trusters' In Britain

Mr Benjamin Victor Cohen, legal adviser on the New Deal in President Roosevelt's former "brain trust," is in London as legal counsel to Mr John Gilbert Winant, U.S. Ambassador to Britain.

Mr Robert Murphy, now counsellor at the American Embassy in Vichy, will be transferred to London.

Both men are 47, Benjamin Cohen and Thomas Corcoran, another Roosevelt aide, were the bright legal brains behind much of Roosevelt's legislation, and as such they worked closely with Mr Harry Hopkins. Benjamin Cohen is credited with the wording of some of the greatest legislation of the Roosevelt regime, notably the Wages and Hours Law.

Belgian Soldiers Receive Colours

Belgian soldiers who arrived at a town somewhere in Britain last spring in bedraggled uniforms stood in the square of the same town recently in new battle dress and complete with transport to receive Belgian colours from their Premier, M. Pierlot. With him were the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, and Minister of National Defence, M. Cutt.

Addressing the troops M. Pierlot said that when they returned victorious to liberated Belgium with many battle honours inscribed on the colours, they would recall this historic scene.

Court Strewn With Women's Skirts

A London court recently resembled a dressmaker's salon. Dozens of women's skirts were displayed on the bench and on the registrar's table.

They were exhibits in an action for alleged infringement of an invention to make the pleats permanent.

Princess Juliana's Birthday Celebrated

The Dutch community in Hong-kong yesterday celebrated the birthday of Her Royal Highness Princess Juliana of the Netherlands at a dinner party at the Gloucester Hotel, held under the auspices of the Hollandsche Club.

There were 47 Dutch-nationals present, including residents of the Colony and members of the crews of two Dutch ships in the Harbour, and at the conclusion of the affair those present subscribed the sum of \$1,500 which has been donated to the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund.

Harassing Invaders Situation In Egypt

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Axis troops on Egyptian soil still halted around Sollum are continually harassed by British armed patrols, and concentrations along the coast road are shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher, the desert sands get hotter, sandstorms make it difficult to keep the engines cool and in any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators. These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly unaccustomed to desert warfare.

WAR FRONTS COMMUNIQUE

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—A British G.H.Q. communique announced:

Greece: The withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily.

Libya and Tobruk: No change in the situation.

Sollum: Patrol activities are continuing.

Abyssinia: Units of the Sudan Defence Force captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 Colonial troops immediately volunteered to enter the Emperor's service.

In all other areas of activities, our own troops and patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments.

R.A.F. RANGES MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas of the Mediterranean, it is officially announced.

Enemy aircraft attacks were repeatedly repulsed.

Concentrations of enemy planes at Derna and aerodromes in Cireneia were heavily raided by the R.A.F. on Monday night. Many bombs burst among the dispersed aircraft.

This action follows the straining by daylight of concentrations of Junkers troop-carrying aircraft at Benina aerodrome, where 110 lined up on Monday.

Benghazi harbour was also raided and there were many explosions.

R.A.F. fighters continued to harass the enemy by low-level machine-gun attacks.

Three enemy aircraft were shot down by anti-aircraft guns over Tobruk during the last two days.

SEEKS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

MELBOURNE, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—A move for a National Government was taken to-day when Mr A. W. Padden, the Australian Acting Prime Minister, decided to confer with the Labour Leader, Mr Joan Curtin, and make a formal offer to the Labour Party of portfolios in a National Ministry.

No reply is expected before the Labour Party caucus has considered the proposal.

IMPERIAL WAR CABINET

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—The "Daily Telegraph" regards the Imperial War Cabinet idea as impracticable on the ground that such a body cannot remain long together and points out that Mr Lloyd George assembled one in 1917 which sat for the first time on March 20 and the last time on May 2.

BRITAIN'S HINT TO FRANCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 30 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, announced that Britain has drawn the attention of the France Government to the dangers of German infiltration into North Africa.

EIRE ARMY VOTE

DUBLIN, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—The Dail by agreement passed without discussion the Army Vote for £8,383,558 for the year 1941-42.

The amount for 1939-40 the last army vote made in times of peace was £1,672,025.

RAN BLOCKADE

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—The German freighter Natal, which arrived at Santos from Hamburg, carried 2,592 tons of cargo, consisting largely of machinery and aeroplane parts.

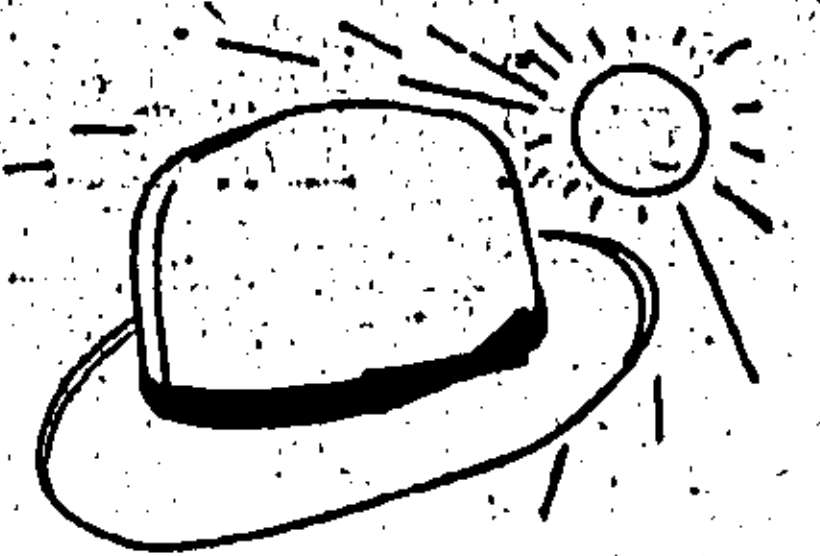
Quo's Conferences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi to-day conferred with the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, and the Secretary of Commerce, Mr Jesse Jones, and is scheduled to visit Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury this afternoon.

ATLANTIC SERVICE

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the British Trans-Atlantic Air Service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

MOSCOW, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Nazi Ambassador Herr von Schulenburg returned here to-day after a fortnight's leave in Berlin.



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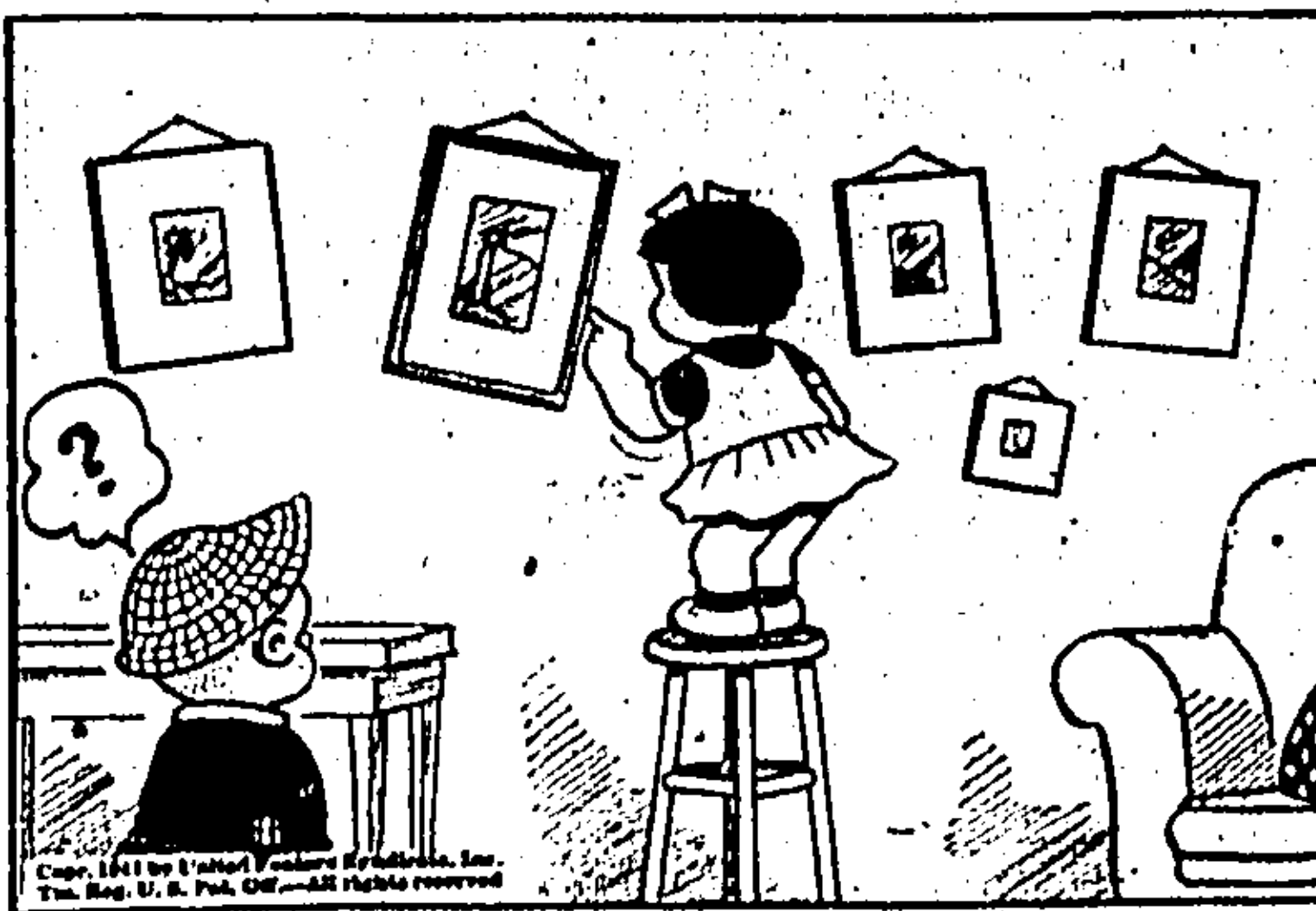
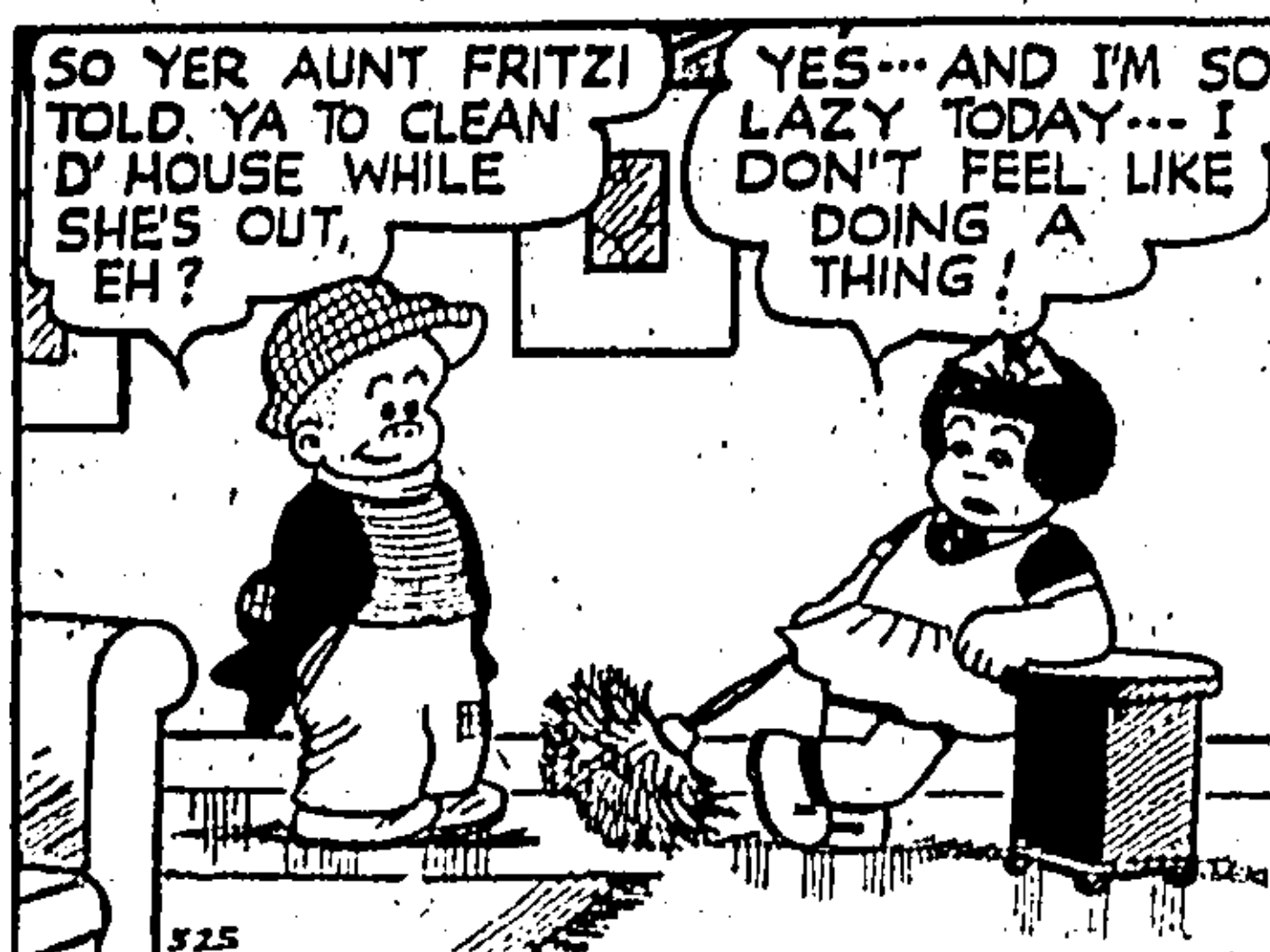
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SOMERSET MAUGHAM PLAY TO-NIGHT



The European Y.M.C.A. has chosen for its current dramatic effort W. Somerset Maugham's comedy, "Mrs. Dalloway." The first performance takes place to-night at 9.15 p.m., and will be followed by two other performances to-morrow and Saturday. Y.M.C.A. war charities will benefit. Above, the producer, Charles Thom (extreme left) is seen with the cast: Rilla Cole, Lewis Benn, Fred Clemo, David Ingleby, Winifred Daisiel, Peggy Sharpe, Ralph Dormer, Norah Wiltchell, Frank Willis and Bill Colledge. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

FORD HAS AIRCRAFT SECRET

Surprising results are reported to have been achieved by a new machine-riveting process now being experimented with at the Ford plant in Detroit under the watchful eyes of defence officials.

The new process is said to enable hand riveting in aircraft production to be abolished and to cut the labour time by half.

Hand riveting is said to constitute the greatest bottleneck in the flow of aircraft supplies.

Experiments are being carried out in a closely-guarded section of the Ford plant, and only Army technical experts and Defence Commission representatives are allowed to see them.

Chinese To Serve In Malay Forces

If the proposal materialises, Perak Chinese will have the distinction of forming part of the British regular forces with the formation of a Perak Chinese Motor Transport Company for service for the duration of the war in Malaya.

At a meeting last week, Chinese leaders gave whole-hearted support to the proposal to form such a company as a separate unit from the newly-formed non-European units in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

This would be the first Chinese company to be formed and would be part of the regular forces, the men being enlisted in the ordinary way.

Leaders of the community state that the Chinese are enthusiastic to serve and give proof of their loyalty to the British Government. They have given full assurances of help to the military authorities in enlisting the necessary numbers for a company. The pay is \$25 (Straits currency) a month for ordinary drivers, plus food, clothing and accommodation as customary in the army and recruits will enjoy soldiers' privileges in regard to duty and railway fares when they go on leave to visit their families.

There are no facilities for family accommodation in barracks nor can there be any marriage allowance. The headquarters of the company will be in Ipoh.

About 400 men will be required, including a certain number of N. C. Os. In addition, about 10 or 12 officers will be needed on a pay ranging from \$150 and allowances.

There will be, in the early stages, a certain number of British Army officers and N. C. Os. as instructors.

Germans' War On Churches

Figures compiled at the Vatican show that nearly 2,000 churches, belonging to various denominations, have been destroyed or damaged in Britain by German bombs and 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents have been destroyed.

The exact total of the churches, as given by the Vatican radio, is 1,986, made up of 77 Roman Catholic, 770 Anglican, and 1,139 Free Church.

The details are as follows:— Destroyed in London:—14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, 125 Free Church.

Damaged in London:—13 Roman Catholic, 250 Anglican, 350 Free Church.

Destroyed or heavily damaged in Provinces:—20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican, 150 Free Church.

Churches More Lightly Damaged:—30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican, 514 Free Church.

Capsules As Defence In War On Civilians

AN offer from U.S.A. to feed Britain with myriads of capsules containing vital minerals and vitamins was a scientific news item of the week, writes the Sydney "Sun."

Britain therefore, might fight with capsule as well as with gun. It's the half-illness that saps home morale, reacting as "war weariness."

People can live on restricted diets yet maintain vim—given essential minerals and vitamins. Professor Mottram, famous London physiologist, has advised Britain to snap up America's offer and avoid the fate of the civilian populations of Austria and Russia in the last world war.

Deficiency Diseases

Recent study of the deficiency diseases reveals their importance in war. Vitamin A lack causes semi-blindness, sore eyes; could cripple efforts of civilian air-raid wardens, roof-spotters, and other home defenders. Vitamin B (a mixture of 10 factors), if lacking, causes neuritis and nerve troubles (even hallucinations). Vitamin B1 deficiency caused the "suicidal wave" in post-war Vienna, 1919. Lack of other B factors causes

stunted growth (children), wasting disease, weakness. Vitamin C lack causes scurvy, sore mouth, muscular weakness, bleeding. Vitamin D lack, "half-rickets" in adults, wasting of bones, semi-crippling. Vitamin K lack, non-clotting blood—civilian wounded liable to fatal bleeding.

Few Of The Evils

Of the minerals, calcium lack, besides affecting bone-growth, also causes weakness and mental depression. Sleeplessness is one result. Iron deficiency causes anaemia, which again means listlessness and poor effort. Those are only a few of the evils. Combined effect is a C9 class home front and fall of morale. All the same "man cannot live by vitamins alone."

The capsules can never be a substitute for food factors—proteins, sugars, fats. But they will enable citizens on even a minimum diet to remain cheerful and healthy. They may lose weight, but not their "nerve," and nerve wins "total" wars.

P.M.G. Has Cable Code For Lovers

Britain's Post Office has reduced love talk to a snappy code, so that affection can be cabled cheaply to troops overseas. It's all done by numbers, and though special consideration has been given to Love there are other categories, such as Money and Health.

Mr W. S. Morrison, the Postmaster-General, announced the code at the National Defence Public Interest Committee's luncheon in London.

Not So Cold

It was found that in telegrams to soldiers the same phrases kept recurring, he said.

The code would shorten them and enable more telegrams to be sent.

"You may fear," said Mr Morrison, "that these stereotyped phrases will be as cold as those on the Field Service Post Card, but not at all.

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For The Hard-up

The "Love" group contains about 100 standard phrases.

In the "Health" section No. 69 reads, "All well, children evacuated." Nos. 85 or 86 are—"Son is born" and Daughter born."

Number 103 in the "Money" group may crop up pretty often—"Glad if you could send some money."

No. 136, "Miscellaneous," strikes a special note: "Hearing your voice on the wireless gave me a wonderful thrill."

Another phrase which has been thought of is: "Good show, keep it up."

The new system is expected to reduce substantially the delays which have occurred in transmission of telegrams to troops.

'Tiny' Finds The Army Awkward

Private Alfred Ernest Nightingale, of the Royal Artillery, is one of the Army's biggest problems.

He is the tallest man in the Service, measuring 6 ft. 9½ in. and weighing 17½ stone.

His clothes and boots (size 16½) had to be fashioned specially for him. His outside underclothing is made by his sisters.

Alfred, who is 23, and whose home is at Enfield, Essex, is one of nine children.

He is stationed in the North. "Things are awkward at times," he declares.

Officers' Dilemma

"My senior officers don't quite know where to put me when we're on a route march."

"Sometimes they think I would look best in the front rank, sometimes in the middle, sometimes in the rear."

As you might expect, Private Nightingale is known in the Army as "Tiny."

He is given one and a half times the ordinary soldier's rations—but that is unofficial. He is a teetotaler.

Other Measurements

Here are some more of his measurements:—

Neck 18½ inches, chest 50, waist 42, hips 47, reach 85, biceps 17, wrist 8½ and forearm 13½.

His greatest, and he now admits most foolish, achievement, was to carry five cwt. of cement ten yards for a sixpenny bet.

The average soldier is 5 feet 8 inches tall.

Children's Spring Push

Boys and girls living at the 30 National Camps Corporation Schools are making a great "Dig for Victory" effort.

More than 8,000 children who have been evacuated to the camps—14 are exclusively for London children—having learned how to cultivate vegetables and fruit, are now learning to use the carrots, swedes, spinach and turnips which they grow.

They have started their "spring offensive."

"Every day a special time is devoted to the gardens, and in some camps each dormitory has a special patch where the youngsters grow what they like," the secretary said.

"Potatoes are favourite, but at a camp in Sussex, which used to be a farm, a battered greenhouse has been fixed up and they are growing tomatoes."

Lord Strabolgi's Wedding

The marriage of Lord Strabolgi, Socialist Chief Whip in the House of Lords, to Mrs Geraldine Mary Hamilton, formerly Miss Geraldine Francis, his secretary, took place at Leominster, Herefordshire, recently.

Mrs Hamilton is the only daughter of the late Mr Maurice Francis and Mrs Francis, of Kensington.

Lord Strabolgi, who is 54, and, as Chief J. M. Kenworthy, was M.P. for the Central Division of Hull for some years, succeeded his father in 1934.

His first marriage was dissolved in July last year, the decree nisi being made absolute in January.

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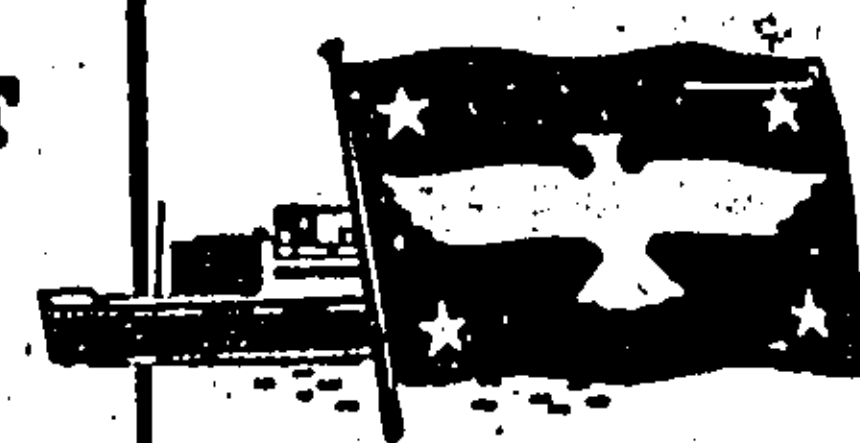
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Russia Masses Forces For May Day

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agency telegram from the Finnish
capital.

No Confirmation

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—
There is no confirmation in authorita-
tive quarters in London of reports of
the landing in Finland of 12,000 Ger-
man troops with tanks and other
equipment, says "Reuters" Diplo-
matic Correspondent.

Finnish Denial

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—
The Finnish Minister, M. Hjalmar
Procope, announced that his Govern-
ment denies "emphatically and cate-
gorically" the Moscow reports that
German troops have landed in Fin-
land. He declared, "The facts are
that German soldiers arrived unarm-
ed at Turku in accordance with the
transit agreement made last autumn
and the total number of those troops
is below 1,300."

Finnish Comment

HELSINKI, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—
"The figures given by Moscow bent
all previous records in exaggeration,"
is the official comment.

"The Moscow newspaper, 'Pravda,'
had said that 12,000 men with tanks
and guns landed at the Finnish port
of Abo."

"Reuters" Moscow correspondent
states that report was received there
with no great surprise.

According to neutrals, Germans in
Moscow say that the troops are prob-
ably on their way to Narvik.

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

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believe that is so. Indeed, I think
that I am well within the figure."

Replying to another query, the
Prime Minister said that heavy equip-
ment could not of course be removed,
but the Germans are not short of
heavy equipment.

Still Resisting

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—
Three divisions of British and Greek
troops are still resisting in the Pelopon-
nesus, according to the Turin
newspaper, "Stampa."

The paper says that they occupy
a line running across the centre of
the peninsula from Agulnizza on
the Ionian Sea to Arcos, north of
Nauplie, and possess an embarkation
ports only Nauplie and Malamuta.

Planes As Escort

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (UP).—Indicating
that British planes are escorting the
ships which are evacuating the B.E.F.
from Greece, to-day's communique
states that "convoy of vessels" have
flown over certain areas in the Medi-
terranean where enemy aircraft at-
tacks have been repeatedly repulsed.

Audacious Attempt

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for nine hours while the submarine
waited in the hope that the landed
British officer would find Mr Camp-
bell and bring him down to the port.

Dive Bombers Attack

"Nine hours after entering the
harbour, however, the Regent was
attacked by two Italian dive-bombers.
These dropped several bombs and
attacked with machine-guns, slightly
wounding the Commanding Officer,
the First Lieutenant and one petty
officer. The Commanding Officer of
the Regent then decided that he could
wait no longer in face of the great
risk of further attacks. The Regent
dived and left harbour submerged."

Through Minefields

"The Regent had to pass through
two minefields in order to reach the
harbour of Kotor. These are suc-
cessfully negotiated on leaving and then
passed out of the Adriatic and re-
turned to her base with the Italian
hostage still on board."

"Though the Regent's mission was
successful in rescuing the British
Minister, the fact that the British
submarine could lie for nine hours in
a harbour occupied by the enemy and
subsequently be successfully extricated
is a tribute to the coolness and
determination of the Commanding
Officer and crew of the Regent."

Retreat Advised By Greeks

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the collapse of the Greek Army and
bloodshed useless the Allied cause.
Consequently the Greek Government
are obliged to state that further
sacrifice of the British Expeditionary
Force will be in vain and its with-
drawal in time seems to be rendered
necessary by circumstances and by
interests common to the struggle.

The Labour member, Mr. Philip
Noel-Baker, asked Mr Eden to convey
to the Greek Premier Britain's deep
gratitude for the magnificent courage
and endurance which the Greek Army
has shown and for their loyalty as
Allies. (Loud Cheers)

Mr Eden concurred and added:
"The whole House feels that no
tribute can be too high for what they
have achieved."

Withdrawn Attache Promoted

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—
A dig at Italy in the interpretation
in some quarters of the action of the
War Department in promoting Major
William Bentley, whose recall from
his position as Assistant Military
Attache at Rome was demanded by
Italy, and assigning him to an im-
portant post in Tangier.



MORE JOBS NEEDED—New York City recently advertised
1,000 jobs open at \$15 a week or less, as hospital laundry
workers and helpers. More than 4,000 applied, some of them
college graduates and some waiting 24 hours in line, as above.

Soviet Transit Ban Does Not Affect Materials For China

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—Responsible quarters here
understand that the Soviet regulations against transit of war
supplies do not affect Soviet shipments of defence materials to
China. All such shipments have recently gone directly overland
into China territory. Moreover, they consist of materials manu-
factured and produced entirely within the Soviet Union; there-
fore, no question is involved of the trans-shipment of
foreign supplies.

Plymouth Blitzed Fifth Time

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lupt, fed by oil bombs. Then the
ground shook to the crash of high
explosives. Without even a momen-
tary break this went on for some

The clouds were low and targets
could not be clearly seen, but this
was no deterrent to the Germans who
released their loads indiscriminately.
The residential areas were shattered.
The Germans seem to be set on the
destruction of the city.

Food convoys are doing great work
in feeding demolition squads, dockers
and a large number of workers in
some of the worst hit places of the
town. Thousands of plates of soup,
stew and cups of hot tea are being
served daily as well as sandwiches.

English A Tough People

American Tribute

"For the first time in our adult life
in this country, we are beginning to
realise what a tough and game peo-
ple the English are. I mean the
English specifically, not the Scots,
Irish and Welsh along with them,
although their courage is not ques-
tioned," Westbrook Pegler, the well-
known American columnist, wrote
recently.

"It just happens," he says, "that
in this fight the blow has fallen on
the English almost exclusively and
that they have stood up under their
punishment as no other people ever
did or had to in the history of the
world."

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WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF B.E.F. RETREAT FROM GREECE

Mr Churchill Tells First Part Of The Thrilling Story

LONDON, APR. 30 (REUTER).—THE EVACUATION OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE BRITISH TROOPS IN GREECE, THOUGH HEAVY EQUIPMENT WAS LEFT BEHIND, WAS DISCLOSED BY MR WINSTON CHURCHILL IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

NON-CONVOY MOTIONS VOTED OUT

Senate Committee's Decision

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day voted 13 to 10 against sending to the Senate either one of two anti-convoys resolutions; namely, Senator Charles McNary's measure forbidding peacetime convoys operating, and Senator Gerald Nye's resolution requiring the President to obtain Congressional consent before conveying or transporting war materials to Britain.

High Speed Boats For Britain

From United States

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, told a press conference to-day that the United States expected to build substantial numbers of high speed motor boats for Britain. He emphasised that no larger warships are available for transfer. Rear-Admiral Samuel Robinson stated that request for 24 more motor torpedo boats was expected very soon from Britain. The remaining inactive fleet division of the United States Navy's organised reserves would be mobilised between May 1 and May 30, said Colonel Knox. About 230 officers and 4,000 men were involved.

Air Raid On England

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A coast town in southwest England was the main target of a strong formation of the Luftwaffe last night. Another town in the southwest and a town in South Wales were also attacked. Flares lit the sky for miles in the southwest and bombs fell in a widely scattered area.

No Bombs Dropped

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—No bombs were dropped on Britain during daylight to-day, says the Air Ministry. A small number of German aircraft, flying singly, crossed the coast at widely-separated points but nowhere did they fly far inland. The communiqué says that it is now confirmed that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed last night.

Navy's Newest Battleship Demonstrates Its Power

(By "Reuter" With Home Fleet)

ABOARD, H.M.S. PRINCE OF WALES, Apr. 30.—I have just watched the guns of the Prince of Wales, Britain's newest battleship, prove their power and accuracy in a practice shoot. It was all over in a few minutes of terrifying sound and fury. With its anti-submarine screen of destroyers, the 35,000-ton ship was pressing through the night at a good pace. I had stationed myself at one of the highest possible points on a platform many feet above sea level. Below on the gunnery platform, ghostly hooded figures were at work—officers and men in monk-like duffel coats, some peering at the instruments and others at the black sea. From my position, the dimly-lit instrument dials before them resembled glowworms. The hiss of wind through the rigging and the slight

The Prime Minister declared: "Up to the moment when evacuation was seen to be inevitable, we had landed about 60,000 men in Greece, including one New Zealand and one Australian division. Of these, at least 45,000 have been evacuated. (Cheers)"

"Considering that our air force was, through the superiority of the enemy force, compelled to leave airfields from which it could alone effectively cover the retreat of the troops and that only a small portion would be used to cover the points of embarkation, this must be considered remarkable."

Retreat Advised By Greeks

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Greek Government letter to the British Government was read by Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons.

It was as follows: "The Greek Government, while expressing to the British Government and gallant Imperial troops their gratitude for the aid to Greece in the defence against an unjust aggressor, are obliged to make the following statement. "After conducting a victorious struggle against strongly superior enemy forces for more than six months, the Greek Army has now reached a stage of exhaustion and finds itself completely deprived of certain resources indispensable for the pursuit of the war like munitions, motorised vehicles and aeroplanes—resources with which it was inadequately supplied from the outbreak of hostilities."

No Chance of Success
"This state of things makes it impossible for the Greeks to continue the struggle with any chance of success and deprives them of all hope of being able to lend assistance to their valiant ally in view of the importance of the British contingents, in view of the aviation at their disposal, and in view of the extent of the front heroically defended by them."

Useless Bloodshed
"In these conditions, continuation of the struggle while incapable of producing a useful effect would have no other result than to bring about"

Manila— Singapore Air Service By Pan-American

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Civil Air Authority to-day authorised Pan-American Airways to operate a service between Manila and Singapore.

New Daily Service
SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Matson Navigation Company to-day announced the creation of a Division of Air Transport which is believed to be a forerunner to the announcement of a daily clipper plane passenger, mail and freight service between San Francisco and Honolulu. The company refused to amplify on the announcement but it is understood a formal statement regarding the proposed air service may be issued following a meeting of the Matson board to-morrow.

"The conduct of the troops, especially the rearguard in fighting their way so many miles to the sea, merits the highest praise. It is the first instance where air bombing, prolonged day after day, has failed to break the discipline and order of marching columns who, besides being thus assailed from the air, were pursued by no less than three German armoured divisions as well as the whole strength of the German mechanised forces which could be brought to bear."

Front Line Casualties
"In the actual fighting, principally on Mount Olympus, round Grevena and at Thermopylae, about 3,000 casualties, killed and wounded, are reported to have been suffered by our troops. This was a very small part of the losses inflicted on the Germans who, on several occasions, sometimes for two days at a time, were brought to a standstill by forces one-fifth of their number. Nor does it take any account of the German losses incurred in their assaults upon the Greek and Yugoslav armies. "I dare say it will be possible to give a fuller account in the date next week, but I think that I have said enough to show that painful as are our losses, we have much to be thankful for and that the Empire"

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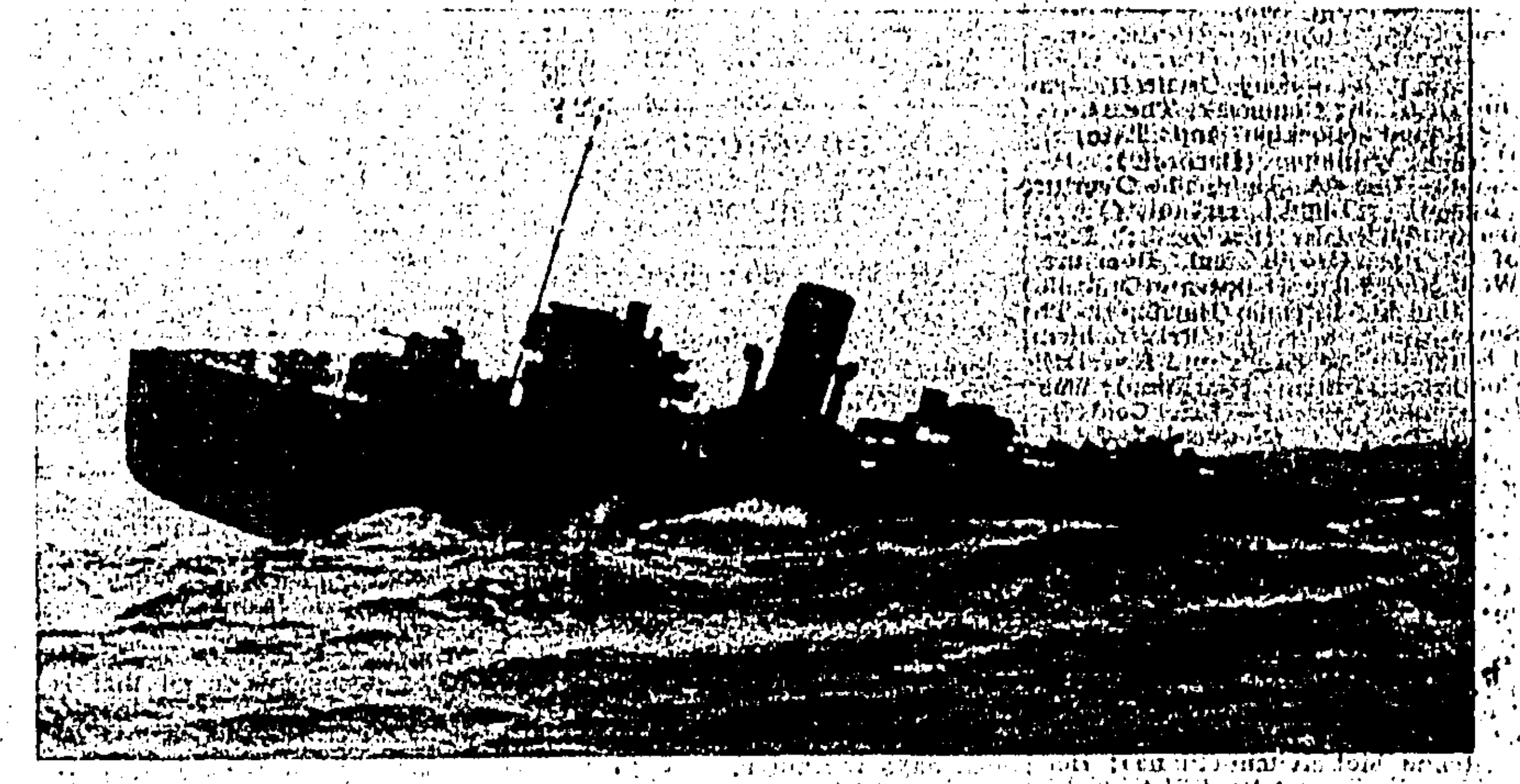
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—At a press conference to-day the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, stated that he would try to visit the fleet at Honolulu this spring. He revealed that the fleet would abandon the regular annual manoeuvre duty and be constantly manoeuvring and working. When asked whether the fleet would remain in Honolulu, he replied that he had no comment to make regarding ship movements, and he also declined to comment upon whether or not there would be any transfers to the Atlantic fleet from the Pacific fleet.

On Patrol Duty

Secretary Knox said that the entire Atlantic fleet is now engaged on patrol duty and he declined to state whether the new units, as completed, would be added to the Atlantic or Pacific fleets. He said that more high speed motor boats will be transferred to Britain as completed. He asserted that a fleet supply train is being built up, consisting of transport, but pending any extreme developments, the navy is now satisfactorily equipped with supply ships. The Secretary announced that 45 divisions of organised Naval Reserve, consisting of 230 officers and 4,000 men, will be ordered to active duty between May 2 and May 30 and will be assigned mainly to auxiliary ships.

Corvette Goes Into Action

These pictures were taken on board a corvette while sailing 3,000 miles on convoy escort duty in the Atlantic. The corvettes are Britain's new answer to the U-boat menace. First picture shows one of these craft riding the heavy seas, and below that the ship's 4-in gun being loaded in readiness should a submarine, which has been heard, come to the surface.



Four Nazis Taken From U. S. Ship

Canadian War Vessel Acts In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HONOLULU, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Canadian auxiliary cruiser Prince Rupert stopped the American Liner President Garfield at 2.45 p.m. yesterday about 400 miles northeast of Honolulu. A boarding party examined the passenger list and removed four German citizens.

A radio message from Captain J. E. Murphy stated that the vessel continued on her course for Honolulu at 3.42 p.m. and is due here at noon.

The four Germans were Ewald Flesch, Werner Naumann, Hans Sandkman and Guenther Katze, formerly employed in South America and held by immigration officials in San Francisco since last August after their arrival from Colombia, when the N.Y.K. Line refused to provide them with passage, fearing that the British might intercept them.

BIG SHIPPING DRIVE IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has asked the United States Maritime Commission to obtain the service of "at least 2,000,000 tons of merchant shipping to be used to supply all-out aid to the democracies" in a letter to Admiral Land, Chairman of the Commission.

Rounding Up Italians In Abyssinia

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In Abyssinia, the rounding up of the Italians continues. Another isolated garrison was captured at Socota on the Asmara-Desse road, south of Amba Alagi.

The difficult country, herenabouts rules out a rear attack on Amba Alagi. Light rains are beginning to fall, particularly in South Abyssinia, but heavy rains are not due till the middle of May. The present rain is already having some effect on the roads, and tracks in southern Abyssinia.

R.A.F. Attacks

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Enemy troop positions and ammunition dumps were attacked in the Uddia area in Abyssinia by the South African Air Force. Motor transports were destroyed and heavy casualties were caused among the white and native troops. Direct hits were made on a building at Tandese aerodrome. Four planes are missing from all operations in the Middle East.

Deserters From Italy

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—During the past few months, deserters from the enemy in Abyssinia have been coming over in ever-increasing numbers to join the Emperor's Army. The latest arrivals are 400 Italian

The President indicated that cargo ships of all types might be taken from existing or proposed trade routes to haul vital war supplies and food overseas. He also said that the United States merchant fleet must be expanded faster than is planned "so that more ships will become available to carry goods, including war materials."

Gen. Johnson Loses Commission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—It is reliably stated that President Roosevelt to-day refused to renew the Army Reserve commission of Brigadier General Hugh Johnson—newspaper columnist, Administration critic and one time chief of the National Resources Committee. Many years of military inactivity coupled with his age, 69 years, plus his physical condition was the cause of retirement, according to correspondence exchanged regarding the matter. The President's action overruled the War Department's recommendation that General Johnson be re-appointed. colonial troops from Fort Mola, which was captured a few days ago. Many native troops were forced into military service by the Italians after the occupation of Abyssinia. They seized the first opportunity to rejoin the Emperor's Army and brought with them arms and ammunition supplied by the Italians.

Axis Air Losses In Middle East During April

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Altogether 252 German and Italian aircraft have been destroyed in the Balkans and Africa during April.

In the Western Desert, 81 were shot down by British fighters; 11 were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire and 31 were destroyed on the ground. In Greece and Albania, British fighters accounted for 65 enemy planes while ten more were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

In East Africa, owing to the increasing weakness of the Italian resistance, only eight of their planes were shot down during April, but the advancing British troops discovered 40 Italian aircraft destroyed on their own aerodromes.

South Africans Active

The Air Ministry, giving these facts, says that a great part of the destruction in East Africa was achieved by the South African Air Force, which was particularly active throughout the campaign in attacking Italian aerodromes. In addition to the R.A.F. and South Africans, units of the Royal Australian, Rhodesian and Free French Air forces played their part in all these operations. British losses for the month totalled 55, but in many instances the pilots returned safely.

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Light Symphony Orchestra con-
ducted by the Composer; The Merry-
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mouth Hoe—A Nautical Overture
(Ansell); Light Symphony Orches-
tra conducted by John Ansell; Lord
of the Air (North and Burnaby);
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Harold Williams (Bartone); The
Seven Seas (March) (Eric Coates);
I Sing To You (Souvenir) (Eric
Coates); Light Symphony Orches-
tra conducted by Eric Coates.

1 Local Time Signal
1.15 Benno Moisevitich (Piano)
and Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).
(a) Flirtations in a Chinese Gar-
den; (b) Rush Hour in Hongkong
(Chopin); Impromptu in A Flat
(Chopin); Benno Moisevitich (Pia-
no); Tango (Albeniz); Orientale
(Grieg); Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).
(a) Invitation to the Waltz (Wolfer);
(b) Benno Moisevitich (Piano); Her
Brightest Haunts me Still (Wright-
ton); Gavotta and Allegro (Valentini);
Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and
Announcements.

1.45 Variety.
2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.
6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.52 A Dance Programme.
7 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of
the Hour.

7.40 Compositions of Kestelbey.
Bells across the Meadow... The
London Palladium Orchestra; In a
Monastery Garden... Reginald Foort
(Organ); In the Moonlight... The
London Palladium Orchestra; Alger-
ian Scene; The Phantom Melody...
Albert Sandler (Violin); Sanctuary
of the Heart; The Sacred Hour...
The London Palladium Orchestra.

8 Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 Liszt—"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1.
8.15 Studio—Local Newslet.
8.30 Dohnanyi—Quartet in D Flat
Major, Op. 15.

8.55 A Serenade.
My Dearest Heart (Sullivan)...
Doris Vane (Soprano).

9 London Relay—The News and
News Commentary.
9.15 Selections from Musical
Comedy.

"Home and Beauty" (C. B. Coch-
ran) and "Wagner, Noddy, Janet,
Lionel and Wagner Booth; "Charlie's Mus-
querade"—Selection... New Mayfair
Orchestra; The Riddle Scene (from
"Swing Along")... Leslie Henson,
Fred Emney and Richard Hearn; Bridge
of Lovers—"Careless Rap-
ture" (Ivor Novello)... Drury Lane
Theatre Orchestra, solo Olive Gilbert;
Musical Comedy—Selection—Intro:
The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Merry
Widow Waltz (Merry Widow); Spread
a Little Happiness (Mr Cinders); Roll
away Clouds (Virginia)... Garda,
Hall and George Baker.

9.45 Charlie Kuma (Piano) and
Clapham and Dwyer (Comedians).
9.45-10 News in French (on Short
Wave Only).

10 London Relay—"To Talk of
Many Things".

10.15 Sidney Torch at the Organ.
10.25 New Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—"You're Dangerous; You
Lucky People, You Both from film
"Road to Zanzibar")... Tommy Dor-
sey and his Orchestra; Fox-Trot—
Sing 'em Low; Rumba—Danza Lu-
cum... Artie Shaw and his Orches-
tra; Fox-Trot—It's Always You;
Birds of a Feather (both from film
"Road to Zanzibar")... Tommy Dor-
sey and his Orchestra; Waltz—"I'll
Always Love You... Sydney Lipton
and His Grosvenor House Dance
Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I'm Always
Chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld
Girl")... Keep an Eye on your Heart
... Joe Reichman and his Orchestra;
Samba—T. Y. Y. Y.; Fox-Trot—
Good Night (both from film "That
Night in Rio")... Leo Reisman and
his Orchestra.

11 Close Down.

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12.00 Close Down.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

MONSTER RAFFLE

Unclaimed Prizes
Messrs. Linstead & Davis have
notified The Hongkong War Effort
Committee that the prizes for the
following winning numbers, in the
recent raffle, have not yet been
claimed:

310,	2738,	2878,	4005,	4232,
4509,	4580,	5507,	7602,	10003,
11533,	11888,	12802,	12947,	14885,
15837,	16944,	17219,	17752,	18630,
19188,	20078,	20382,	20754,	22844,
22078,	23048,	25081,	25887,	26348,
27638,	28131,	30728,	30897,	30930,
31037,	32807,	33012,	33405,	33674,
34115,	39171,	39409,	39614,	40163,
40180,	40719,	41408,	41810,	42000,
42293,	43050,	43089,	47985,	48462,
48641,	49374,	52583,	52792,	53453,
55171,	55341,	55307,	55593,	55691,
57740,	59038,	59409,	59825,	60409,
63390,	63303,	63532,	63858,	64440,
65052,	65486,	66819,	68150,	69500,
68798,	71364,	71772,	71758,	72975,
73595,	74607,	74744,	75888,	75873,
78700,	80771,	81033,	81038,	82841,
83097,	84025,	85197,	86345,	87237,

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of the
undersigned on Wednesday, the
21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers, together
with a statement of Accounts for
the year ended the 31st December,
1940.

The Share Register and Trans-
fer Books will be closed from the
7th May to the 21st May, 1941,
both days inclusive.

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Debts Owing By Enemy

Notified At Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—
In connection with the appeal to Bri-
tish subjects and companies through-
out China to register forthwith with
the British Embassy at Shanghai a
statement of all debts owing to them
from enemies, it is stated that the
debts would be classified as far as
possible in accordance with the
following grouping, that is, according
as they arise from or consist of:

Group A—(1) Supply of goods;
(2) Rendering of shipping services;
(3) Insurance transactions; (4) Ren-
dering of other commercial services.

Group B—(1) Bank balances
standing to the credit of British
banks; Sub Section (a) Under
standing still agreements; Sub Section
(b) Others. Sub Section (1) on
their own behalf; Sub Section (2) on
behalf of clients. (2) Standing
directly to the credit of firms and
persons other than banks.

Dividends and Shares
Group C—Dividends, interest and
other moneys payable as arising from
shares, debentures and the like issued
by companies which are enemies
within the meaning of the third sec-
tion.

Group D—Moneys due from prop-
erty held in enemy territory, includ-
ing moneys arising under wills,
settlements, trusts or mortgages.

Group E—Moneys due in respect
of patents, designs, trade marks and
copyrights—(1) royalties and similar
payments; (2) professional charges.

Other Moneys
Group F—Any other moneys due
to persons in the United Kingdom
from enemies.

It is suggested that registered Bri-
tish subjects and companies in China
should notify the Commercial Coun-
sellor of the British Embassy in
Shanghai with as full details as pos-
sible of any debts and moneys as may
be owing them by enemies.

A statement of claim without sup-
porting documents is all that is re-
quired.

The following quotations were
issued on the Hongkong Stock Mar-
ket this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$.....1,325 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....71 n.
Chartered \$.....85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....22 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £.....11 1/2 n.
East Asia £.....70 b.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$.....222 1/2 n.
Union \$.....420 n.
Chinese Underwriters \$.....187 n.
H.K. Fire \$.....187 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....135 n.
Steamboats \$.....8 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. \$.....60 b.
Indo-China D. \$.....60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....40 7/8 n.
Waterboats \$.....655 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....65 1/2 n.
Docks \$.....15 n.
Providents \$.....460 n.
Shai Dockyards \$.....26 n.

MINING
Kailan s/-.....14 n.
Raubs \$.....8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....1 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels s.x.d.230 b.
Lands s.x.d.230 b.
Lands 4% Debentures97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$.....12 1/2 n.
Humphreys \$.....6 7/8 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....200 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....99 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....16 s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$.....51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....1 1/2 n.
H.K. Lights (old) x. ris. 25 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)24 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (ris)14 s.
Macao Electric \$.....17 n.
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....23 s.
Telephones (new) \$.....9 1/4 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cold: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$.....30 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$.....25 n.
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.
Cement s.x.d.15 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....7 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Forms \$.....17 1/4 n.
Watsons \$.....9 1/4 n.
Lane Crawfords \$.....7 1/4 n.
Sincere \$.....2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$.....1 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....38 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....200 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4%97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)94 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 C.B.Ds.28 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$.....0 1/4 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.
Marsons Inv. (Lon.) s/-0 3/4 n.
Marsons Inv. (H.K.) s/-2/6 n.

CHINESE ARTIST
Mr Chang Shu-chi, well-known
Chinese bird and flower painter who
recently presented to President
Roosevelt a picture of 100 doves,
will shortly sail for the United States
with about 500 pieces of his best works
for exhibition there under the insti-
tutions of the Ministry of Education.

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Plymouth Blitzed Fifth Time In Nine Nights

(By "Reuter" Staff Reporter)

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 20 (Reuter).—This front line city on
England's southwest shore is assuming the mantle that was
Coventry's. Last night, the fifth night in nine, the city endured
again the full fury of the German night bombers.

No provincial city has suffered
a more concentrated bombing,
and to-day Lady Astor, speaking
as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, re-
ferred to her city as the "worst
blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of
thanks to Lord Woolton, Minister of
Food, for the magnificent help of the
Food Ministry in feeding the towns-
people from flying food convoys.

To-night some of the city's streets
are nothing more than a desert of
dusty rubble. They are the streets
which the citizens leave for the
countryside when night falls. Some
have even slept beneath hedges rather
than face the horror of night bomb-
ing. Many are homeless.

One has homes which are
damaged. They all join in the tramp
to the country, and just before dawn
come back.

The homeless are a pathetic sight.
Some carry their remaining posses-
sions tied in small bundles, and some
push prams with what is left to them.

Streets ablaze
The clouds were low and targets
could not be clearly seen, but this
was no deterrent to the Germans who
released their loads indiscriminately.
The residential areas were shattered.
The ground seemed to be set on the
destruction of the city.

Food convoys are doing great work
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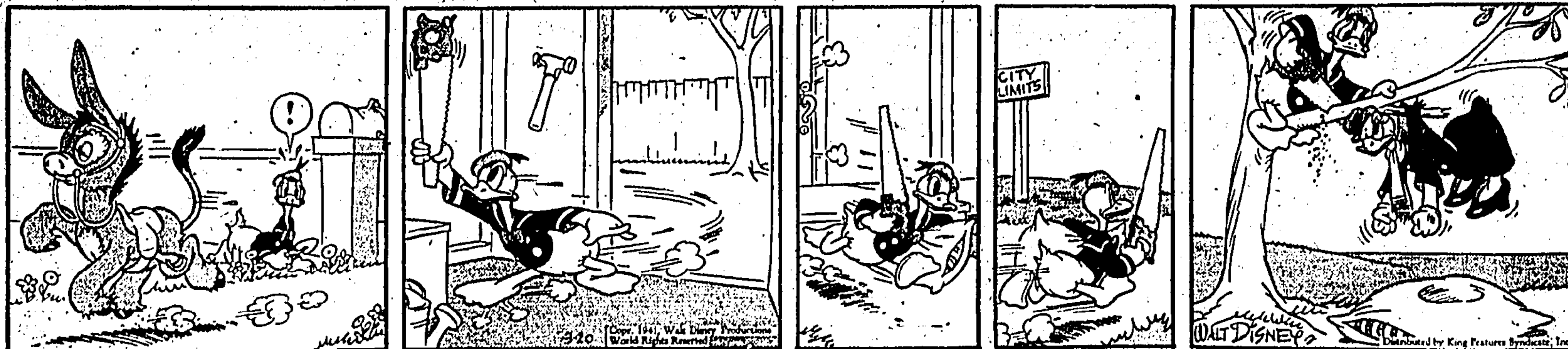
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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It'll be a smash hit tune for our mechanized army—I'm calling it, 'Clank, Clank, Clank, the Boys Are Marching!'"

SPY—1941 MODEL

Espionage isn't what it used to be. Glamour is out, and business men are preferred. The changing character of this war-time 'profession' is here discussed by a well-known American war correspondent.

The Mata Haris of this war have taken a back seat behind plain John Businessman, ace espionage agent of 1941.

For it takes more than good looks and intelligence to cross frontiers in Europe to-day. One businessman with no charm at all, but with business abroad, is worth far more to European intelligence services than a bevy of beauties.

Which is why counter espionage officials of neutral governments say they believe Britain now has a big edge on Germany in military information.

Britain's trade empire is paying dividends with perhaps the world's most active, and underpaid, spies—businessmen, manufacturers, technicians and industrialists of many countries whose prewar income was based on trade with British firms.

They Travel

War or no war, those men travel. War needs their intelligence and war machines are made of what they have to sell. No matter how tight a frontier may be "sealed," the man who has what the government behind that frontier wants will always be able to pass.

Eventually he comes back out again. Then he may go directly to a British (or German) friend—perhaps a diplomat, perhaps a businessman, perhaps just a social acquaintance.

Used By All

He tells of industrial bottlenecks in war production in the country factory striving to widen that bottleneck. Perhaps he's surprised and perhaps he isn't when he reads in his paper a few days later that the same factory has been bombed.

All belligerents use these commercial spies to the fullest possible extent. Some even start off their business trips with special missions, a fact which their hosts frequently

guess. Some come back with false information hung around their necks by hosts who fully expect them to report to the enemy.

Here's an example of how they work—fictitious, but in a pattern familiar to commercial attaches and government agents.

Blindspot on the bombing map, we'll say, is the town of Rolm, 40 miles east of the junction of the Dutch and Belgian frontiers. The German industrial directory tells the British what factories are in or near the town, what they are equipped to make and how big they are. It does not tell them what they're now making, nor does it say what troops are in Rolm.

Directory A Fumble

The German industrial directory was somebody's fumble in Berlin and a boon to the R.A.F. It comes out every year and the 1940 edition appeared as usual, giving, with typical German thoroughness, even the new locations to which certain key factories had been transferred. Bombs followed. The industrial directory was not published this year.

On with the example. London sends word to all commercial agents, businessmen and British official representatives abroad that they want to know what is going on in Rolm where there's a glass company, a steel mill, a firm making frames for racing bicycles and a soap factory.

A British commercial agent in Madrid may be a resident Englishman selling business insurance to Spanish companies. He has a wide acquaintance and he has means of meeting the Spanish distributing agents for the Rolm Glass Company's hotel table glasses.

Perhaps he meets them himself, perhaps he delegates the job to a Spanish hotel owner who may be viewed by the distributors as a customer. Perhaps the distributors have visited Rolm recently and if not, then certainly a Rolm salesman has been calling. Germany needs foreign exchange.

The salesman, while explaining the delay in filling orders, may happen to mention that the factory's warehouses have been used by the military to store military equipment or to house troops.

Danube barge makers in Yugoslavia get their steel from Germany. The heads of the firm visit Germany on buying expeditions and talk to the owners of the little Rolm plant where plate steel is made.

Swiss chemists from idle Swiss factories are sent to Germany by their firms to study German methods of making soap out of coal or other materials in order to keep the Swiss factory busy filling German orders.

Portuguese bicycle dealers buy most of their bicycle frames where they can, for there's little iron in Portugal and the shipments from the United States and Britain are rare these days. They may go to Rolm, too.

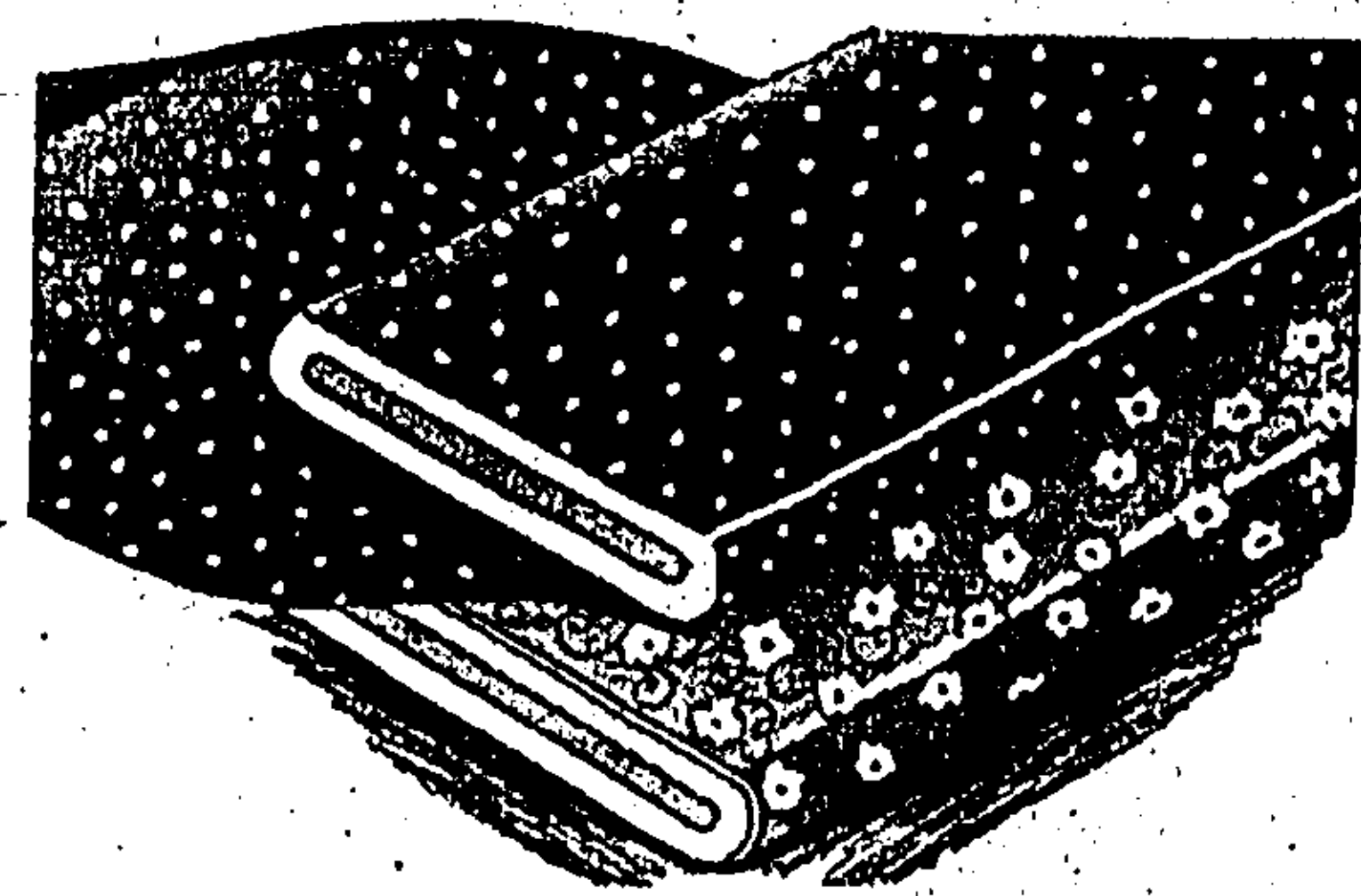
"It sounds like luck," said a commercial man who outlined the picture, "but it isn't. Business crosses frontiers and with it goes espionage."

He estimated that at least half the information handled by military intelligence in London came from commercial sources or through commercial channels.

Information In Invoices

Commerce provides a way to get the information out even when there are no individuals crossing the frontiers. Mails go through and the strictest censorship cannot hope to cope with the vast quantity of commercial data contained in the mail.

An order, an invoice, even the goods themselves may be used to convey military information with or without the knowledge of the shipper. The arrival of 10 cases of camera lenses in Switzerland addressed to an innocent Swiss dealer might tell a British customer of the shop that 10 German air squadrons were based in a Netherlands coast port.



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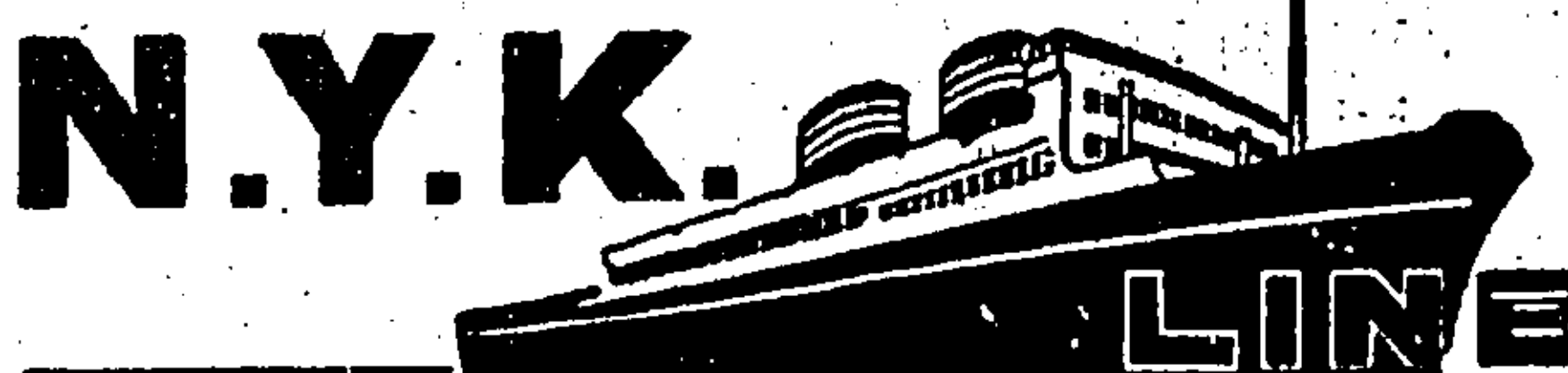
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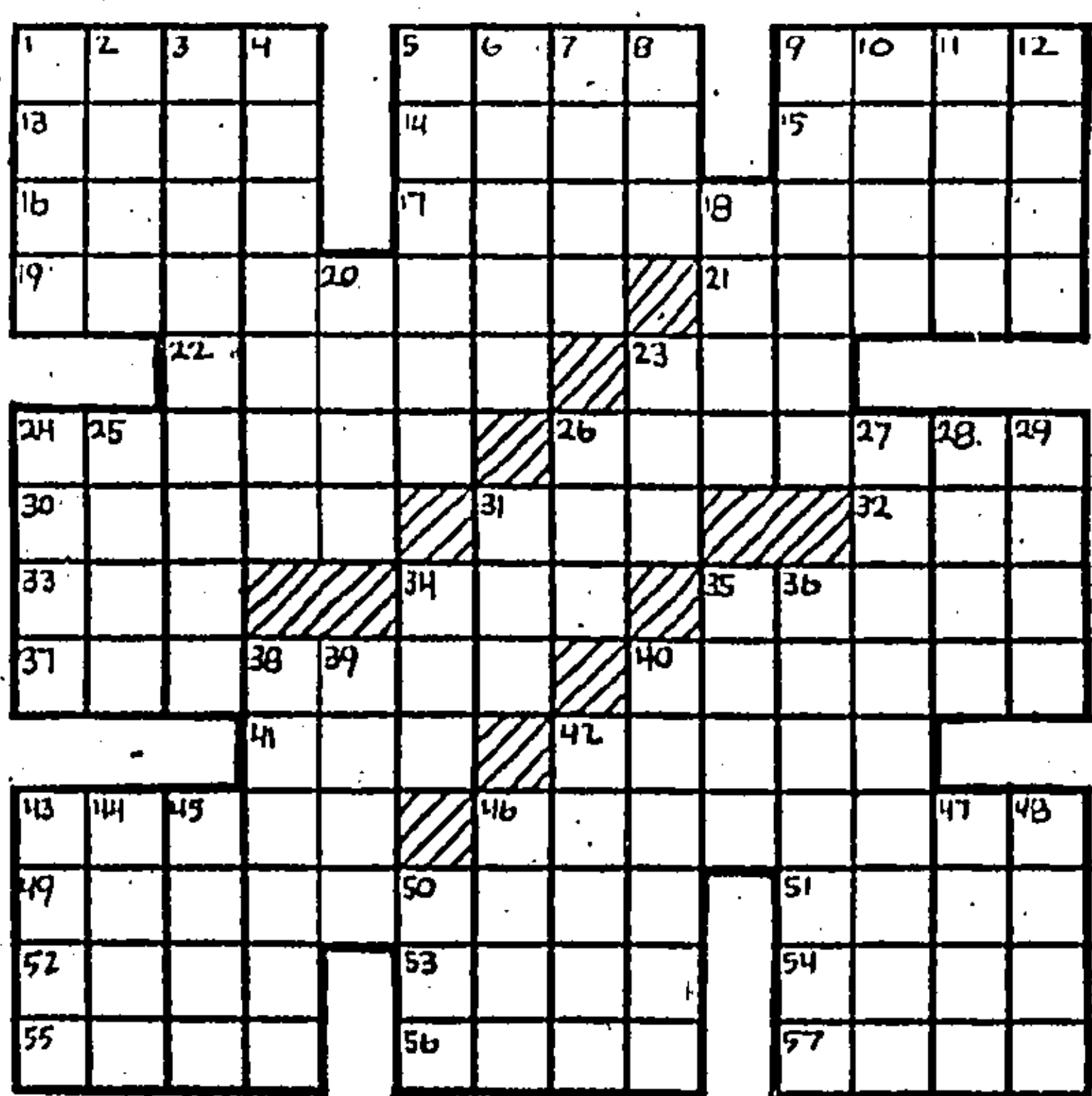
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Cute short
- Notable times
- Medicinal tablet
- Leave out
- Italian melody
- Repose confidence
- Building workers
- Painted
- Digs underground
- Periodic rises and falls of ocean level
- Conquer
- Horace
- Scold
- Pieces of twine
- Stilla
- Salutation to Virgin
- Prent: again
- Performed
- Cavalry weapon
- Told
- Holding, as of land
- Crow-like bird
- Path
- Arouse from sleep
- Elementary
- Text-books
- Pertaining to literary symbols
- Representation
- Above
- Part of house
- Exercise right of suffrage
- Web-like membrane
- Decent lizard

DOWN

- Throws tent into
- Small whirlpool
- Makes hole in
- Portent by prophetic sign
- Two-sided
- In golf, impeded
- Opponent's ball
- Uddles (French)
- Cables of twisted hemp
- Imitated
- German (abbr.)
- Domestic utensils of Romans
- Piccas
- Filter coin of Italy
- Giri
- Afghanistan ruler
- Collection of Icelandic literature
- Mist
- Mark of wound
- Slur in affected manner
- Command
- Arrange in list
- All time
- Wither
- Concealed
- Morning molature
- Butchered joint
- Put life into
- Galaxies
- Vegetary by making required pills
- Language-like member
- Follow tracks of
- Made commonplace by repetition
- International rights
- Fiber-producing plant
- Bull noise
- Increase in size
- Turned over
- Remove ovals from
- Ear-shaped ornament



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War-Time Weddings

WAR-TIME weddings are not without their humorous side. An R.A.F. officer was being married in a fashionable church, and a nervous young subaltern was acting as usher. Noticing a very dignified lady entering the church, the subaltern hurried towards her and inquired, "Friend of the bridegroom?"

"Certainly not," was the frigid reply. "I'm the bride's mother."

The war-time wedding was just over, and the organist was playing the first bars of the Wedding March.

"What's that?" asked a lady guest, turning to her husband. "Oh," he replied, "that's the beginning of 'Stormy Weather.'"

A naval officer was getting married, and was trying to rehearse the ceremony with his best man.

"And you're sure I have to be on the right side of Ethel?" he asked anxiously.

"Yes," said the best man, "and on the right side of her mother, too."

A soldier, who in civil life is a jeweller's assistant, was very nervous at his wedding.

The time came for him to give the ring to the bride, but for the life of him he couldn't remember what he had to say.

The minister prompted him. "With this ring—"

The bridegroom's face cleared and he gave a sigh of relief. "With this ring," he said volubly, "we give a written guarantee, reminding the customer that the purchase price will willingly be refunded in full if the article is not entirely as represented."

The war-time wedding knot had been well and truly tied. The soldier bridegroom turned to his bride's father and said, "Well, I'm glad that's over."

The bride's father laughed. "Over! My dear boy, it's only just started."

An R.A.M.C. officer hovered at the door of a church where a military wedding was taking place.

"Are you a friend of the bride or the bridegroom?" inquired the usher.

"No." The usher was rather taken aback, and asked timidly, "Then what interest have you in the wedding?"

"I'm the defeated candidate," was the grim reply.

A war-time wedding had been arranged to take place in a country church, and a stalwart sergeant and a pretty country girl presented themselves at the altar steps.

The ceremony started and proceeded smoothly until the minister asked the sergeant if he would take the girl for his wife. The sergeant remarked, "Excuse me, sir, but I'm not the bridegroom."

"Then where on earth is the bridegroom?" asked the startled minister.

"He's outside the door, sir," explained the sergeant. "He's only a corporal, and he's too shy to come in."

A Scottish war-time wedding was in full swing, and the bridegroom was in the Home Guard. One guest remarked to the best man, "The bride's no verra bonnie."

"Aye, I ken," agreed the best man. "But whif's far mair important is that she's a vegetarian and takes nae sugar in her tea. The bridegroom's a lucky man. He'll get her rations."

Margaret Hillman



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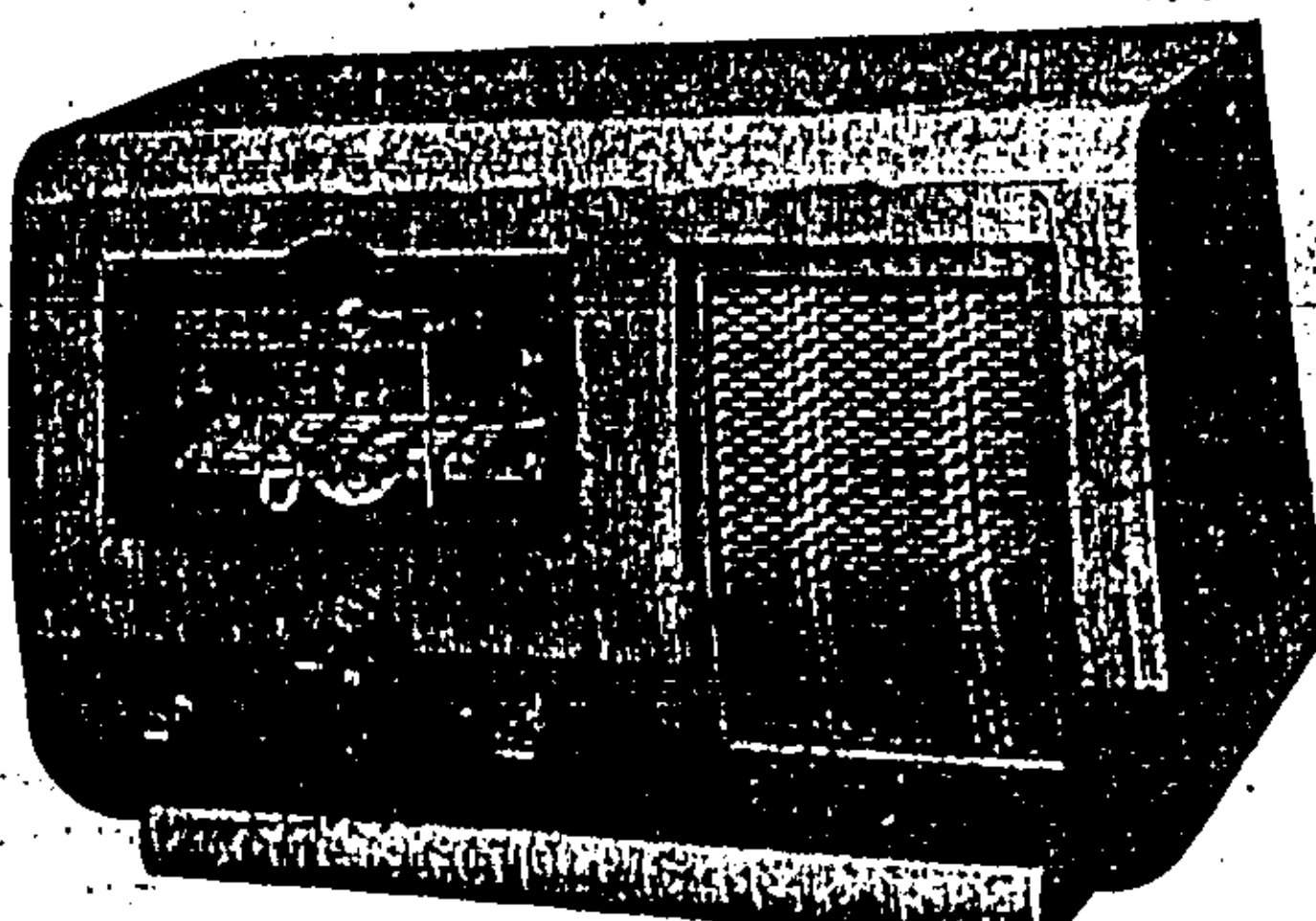
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BRITAIN'S SEA POWER

A few weeks ago the North African campaign monopolised the headlines of the world press. Attention then veered to Greece and the heroic fight the Grecian and Imperial Forces put up against overwhelming odds. Greece has now fallen and attention is again being focussed on North Africa, where the stage is set for a determined German onslaught on Egypt. Hitler is losing no time in developing this attack, but whether he can succeed by another "blitz" is yet to be seen.

Greece has not proved a decisive action for Germany, but it has undoubtedly given her a number of air bases and supplies which should be advantageous in the anticipated drive towards the Suez Canal and the oil fields, of Iraq and Iran. The acquisition of these places are pre-requisite to Hitler's drive for world domination. The need for oil, which the German Army must now be consuming at an alarming rate, forces him towards Iraq, while the occupation of the Suez Canal and Red Sea zone would link him with the Far East and the naval strength of Japan. But desirable as these points may be, it should not be forgotten that the ultimate and decisive battle will lie on the seas, where the battle is now, in fact, being fought.

The British Navy is even more silent about its work in wartime than in peacetime, but it is doing in this war what four navies did in the last. It is also fighting an enemy equipped with more submarines, far better bases and more assistance from the air than was ever dreamed of in the last world war. Furthermore, the Irish bases cannot be utilised as refuelling stations by the British; yet, in spite of these increased duties and the difficulties to be met with in their execution, it is the Navy which still maintains the biggest blockade in history. It is fighting the U-boat menace; it made it possible for Greece to mobilise; it assisted General Wavell successfully to carry through the African campaign, and it is helping in the defence of Egypt to-day. The British naval units in the Mediterranean have successfully beaten the Italian navy, and are prepared to carry the offensive still further.

Without defeating this sea power, Hitler's victories on land cannot win the war. General Smuts voiced this truth the other day when he stated, "Germany is winning victories and losing the war." Hitler is, however, astute enough to understand this

MANDEL FIGHTS the PEACE PLOT

France—the Whole Truth

Fifth Article In The Series by

ELIE J. BOIS

Famous Editor of the "Paris Parisien," who died in London on Monday.

JUNE the thirteenth, despair to get the English to Mr Winston Churchill give us the maximum of help. He had been told that the French Council of Ministers was divided.

He responded to an appeal made to him by M. Paul Reynaud that he should visit Tours to consult with the French Government.

He knew he would be asked to release France from the pledge she had signed not to negotiate either a separate armistice or peace.

The matter was of exceptional gravity, and he took Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook with him.

Mr Churchill's interview with M. Reynaud took place in one of the official rooms of the Prefecture and lasted a long while.

Everywhere, in the corridors, the hall and the courtyard, there was a turbulent crowd.

"I Insist On It!"

There were ministers, politicians, journalists, functionaries, place-hunters—all the hubbub of the Parliamentary lobbies during great Ministerial crises—and a woman.

This woman, Helene de Portes, came and went between the hall and the courtyard.

She wanted to get into the room where Reynaud and Churchill were conferring, but she was prevented from doing so and grew impatient.

She sent for Baudouin, reminding him of his promises, urging him to use all his influence with Reynaud, his influence with Reynaud. "Tell Paul that we must give up. We must make an end of it. There must ing more and more alarm—so, won't you?—from me. I insist on it."

Her face wore an angry expression, and her hair was ruffled.

A moment came when a man in uniform lost patience. He took advantage of M. Baudouin's return to the hall to say to him bluntly, as he pointed to where she was standing:

"Get that woman out of here, for the dignity of France. If not, I'll do it myself!"

By chance I met M. Reynaud at a bend in a corridor as he was coming out of the conference.

"You're not capitulating?" I asked, with anxiety.

"Never. Don't worry. But I'm forcing the note of

fully, and every shipyard under German control is working with this purpose in view. The Suez Canal is valuable to Hitler only because it would give him an unbroken link with the Japanese navy. The efforts of Berlin to obtain the French Fleet have been unending since France fell, and in all the talks between Berlin, Paris and Vichy the question of sea power is the dominant key-note. The battle for supremacy on the sea has begun and must continue until the decisive battle has been fought and won.

Waiting For U.S.

M. Reynaud had sent a message to Mr Roosevelt, in which he begged him: "To declare publicly that the United States would grant the Allies moral and material support by every means short of sending an expeditionary force."

The two heads of Governments agreed to await Mr Roosevelt's reply, after which they would reconsider the situation.

After Mr Churchill, Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook had left for London, a French Council of Ministers was immediately called.

Before going to it, M. Mandel had a telephone call put in to M. Langeron, the Prefect of Police in Paris.

Paris Rumours

It was to ask if anything abnormal was happening in Paris and whether the Germans were yet in sight.

The Prefect of Police answered:—

"In Paris the most complete order reigns. German advance guards are reported in the suburbs."

"Assure the Minister that all his instructions are being and will be faithfully carried out."

M. Langeron's words were sent on to M. Mandel and reached him just as he was taking his place at the council table.

M. Reynaud reported the gist of the conference which he had just had with Mr Churchill.

General Weygand reiterated his ultimatum of the day before in even more emphatic terms. They must ask for an armistice. News from the army was becoming more and more alarming.

He struck an attitude and, drawing a paper from his file, he said gravely, laying stress on his words:—

"Gentlemen, if I say we can wait no longer, it is not without reason."

"I have just had a telegram sent from the Admiralty, from which it appears that serious disturbances have broken out in Paris, and that Thorez (the Communist leader) has installed himself at the Elysee."

M. Lebrun started. All the members of the Council were thunderstruck. Except one!

Eve Of Disaster

M. Mandel indicated to the President that he had something to say:—

"I should like to reassure you, Mr President, and also the Commander-in-Chief and the whole body of the Council."

"There are no riots in Paris and M. Thorez, Mr President, will not sleep in your bed this evening."

"Are you doubting my word?" cut in General Weygand harshly.



M. MANDEL—consistent opponent of the defeatist cabal round the Premier.

"I am not doubting your word, but I have an equal confidence in that of M. Langeron, whose high personal and administrative qualities I know."

Another call was put in to M. Langeron and the information was confirmed.

General Weygand looked somewhat crestfallen. It was clear that the Bolshevik danger card had been trumped.

Meanwhile the Germans made their entry into Paris, and we come to the eve of the general catastrophe.

The scene is Bordeaux. When, on the night of June 12-13, Mme. de Portes rebelled against the choice of Brittany and demanded Bordeaux, it was not mere whim on her part. It was calculation.

Bordeaux was already an active centre of defeatism.

From fear of bombing (of which there had been only one instance), a crowd of Parisian aristocrats and bourgeois had taken refuge there since the beginning of the war.

Constantly sighing, "When will this war be over?" they were a precious crew who, when the Government left Tours, were reinforced by new arrivals from Paris.

Dilemma

The Government's withdrawal to Bordeaux was the signal for politicians to come flocking from all sides.

For some who came, like Leon Blum, at Mandel's request, to prevent Reynaud from giving way, there were many more who arrived as team-mates of Baudouin, Chautemps and other defeatists.

According to rumours which I have not been able to verify, one of them telephoned to M. Pierre Laval, who was keeping a watchful eye open at Clermont Ferrand, to say: "Come! There's work to be done!"

What is certain is that M. Laval arrived and immediately made his presence felt.

The horror of war, the frightful consequences of invasion, the possible slaughter, the threat of Bolshevism—these were all themes on which he waxed eloquent.

Paul Reynaud passed through alternate moods of courage and depression.

De Gaulle had gone to London to study the possi-

lities of transporting available troops to Africa.

But before getting into the plane he pointed out to the head of the Government all the reasons for not despairing and the importance of resisting the evil influences which sought to envelop him.

His duty lay in Algiers or London. This was what, in a different tone and with similar arguments, Mandel repeated to the Premier each time he saw him.

But Helene de Portes was goading M. Reynaud in a different direction.

In this unparalleled period there was one man who fulfilled a difficult and burdensome mission with dignity, tact and patience.

This was the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.

I am sure that M. Daladier's memory of Sir Ronald Campbell is of a partner with whom he delighted to work and come to agreement.

I think that Sir Ronald's precision of mind must have been pleasing also to M. Reynaud.

I should be less ready to swear that Helene de Portes was fond of him. No! She did not like Sir Ronald Campbell, because she did not like Britain.

The Break

She did not like Britain because M. Baudouin did not like it either, and because Britain meant the Alliance with obligations which she was anxious to have broken.

Until the departure for Tours she did not express her feelings publicly.

At Tours she began to shake off restraint. At Bordeaux she went beyond all bounds.

Shall I inform Sir Ronald Campbell, or did he himself notice that, if a door opened a trifle sometimes during the many interviews he had with M. Reynaud on June 14, 15 and 16, it was more often Helene de Portes who was to be seen there than an official or an usher?

She must have thought that this clean-shaven Briton with the piercing eye, whose easy dignity she found intimidating, was staying too long and was going to annul the influence she had exercised.

She watched eagerly for his departure to undo his work at once.

He suffered much at Bordeaux, where the defeatist cabal around the Premier, in the Foreign Office and among the politicians, had given up attempting to conceal their hostility to Britain.

They even went to the length of rudeness and boorish jest.

They gave the Ambassador, as his residence, a chateau 30 miles from Bordeaux in which there was not even a telephone.

M. Mandel, when told, quickly put matters right.

Thirteen Votes

The fifteenth of June came to an end without a solution being reached. But there was no denying that the "capitulationists" were gaining ground.

Reynaud was ever more constantly badgered to make an end.

The news which spread among a few groups during this night disquieted some and delighted others.

"Thirteen votes in favour of capitulation and nine against," predicted a man who was skilled at estimating ballots.

To-morrow

Marshal Petain decides to speed up surrender. Mr Churchill's offer of Franco-British union is dismissed without discussion. Baudouin declines. Final efforts to save the French Fleet fail.

Tsui Brothers Enter Doubles Final

Poor Exhibition By
Sewell And MacDougall
Low Standard In Hongkong

(By "Tinker")

IT IS A FLATTERING claim to make that one has reached the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis Championships, but it is far from flattering to the Colony's tennis to realise that a pair with the ability of G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall were ever able to travel that far. One has reached the stage, however, where one does not expect great things from the Colony players, but there should, at least, be some standard of play when it comes to the semi-finals of the local Championships.

The Tsui brothers entered the final last night at the expense of Sewell and MacDougall in three straight sets. The scores were 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, and at least three of those games were given away by the former champions.

It is, perhaps, the unfortunate luck of the draw that the better of the pairs should have been drawn in the top half of the competition. But those who watched the match last night would hesitate to draw a mental picture of the standard of tennis that Sewell and MacDougall overcame to reach the second last round. It is that which was produced last night was sufficient to carry them through.

The losers had hardly a winner in their mak-up—the occasions on which they really won a point could be counted on one hand. The Tsui brothers toyed with the opposition, and took the opportunity of displaying in practice shots and service. Several of the balls which were going outside were taken in volley practice.

General Regret

I WOULD state here that this is not a caustic comment on the play of Sewell and MacDougall, but rather a sorrowful soliloquy on Hongkong's tennis. Year after year we have the same people in the final rounds, with no improvement over previous years. There is, it is true, a certain standard that has been attained, but this is confined to too few.

The Rumjahn cousins have upheld the Colony's reputation (such as it is) for many years now, and though the Tsui brothers have joined them, their unequalled reign is verging on the monotonous. Not that the Tsui-Rumjahn matches are losing their appeal—it is always of interest to see which of the two clans will take top honours—but it is certainly about time others made their presence known.

In this, perhaps, the Colony watches K. H. Yip and George Chou with the more intenseness for these are the best of the younger players who show promise. Though tennis seems to have the greater attraction than badminton—why I don't know—the latter game boasts of a standard that positively eclipses anything that can be produced by the former. And this is not solely due to the presence of K. W. Choy, from Malaya—among the local players themselves are several who can claim to be ranked among the best.

The Match

HOWEVER, to return to yesterday's match, the Tsui brothers ran into a 4-0 lead, and only fine serving by Sewell gave the losers the fifth game. Sewell exploited a second service faster than the first and came out on top. They won the seventh game on the Tsui's errors and the set closed at 6-2.

Again, the Tsuis took a 4-0 lead in the second set, and conceded the fifth, but that was all.

Walter Hammond With R.A.F. In Egypt

Walter Hammond, the Gloucester and Test match cricketer, who recently took a commission in the R.A.F., recently arrived in Cairo to join the Middle East Command. Several well-known Arsenal players have also arrived.

OUTSIDER WINS TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—The second war time turf classic season opened with a surprise when the Duke of Westminster's outsider, Lambert Simnel, ridden by Charles Elliott, resisted a terrific finishing burst in the last uphill furlong to beat the Maharani Sahib of Kholapur's Morogoro in the Two Thousand Guineas by two lengths. Lord Portal's Suncoast, which was greatly fancied in many quarters to win the Derby, was third a further one and a half lengths behind. Lambert Simnel (Elliott) 1 Morogoro (H. Wragge) 2 Suncoast (Beasley) 3 Lambert Simnel was ahead at the half way stage of what is considered to be one of the most gruelling mile courses and held the lead until the finish, covering the distance in 1:42.5. It was Elliott's fourth Two Thousand Guineas success and he repeated his victory of last year on the French colt Rebel. Betting: 10 Lambert Simnel, 100/30 Morogoro, 100/7 Suncoast. Owen Tudor, ridden by the champion rider, Gordon Richards, started favourite at 11/4 and finished fifth.

Probables For Third Classic

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Probable starters for the second Guineas classic—the One Thousand Guineas—which will be run to-morrow (May 1) will be: Keystone (Gordon Richards), Shrimp (Sauce (Elliott), Rubina (Kirby), Dancing Time (Perryman), Norma (Beary), Beau Site (H. Wragge), Samanga (Jones), Turiana (Evans), Mercy (E. Smith), Theia (Gowen), Booklet (Beasley), Miss Steadfast and French Kin have no jockeys.

In the final set Sewell and MacDougall took the fourth game and then the sixth (4-2) and eventually lost 6-2. And so once more the Tsui brothers meet the Rumjahn cousins in the final—and this will take place on Friday week.

Girls' International



Mary Ng pitching China to victory in the International Softball final at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday. Portugal were beaten 13-5. Dot Louie is catching, with Doc Molthen umpiring behind the plate.—Ming Yuen.

Opposition For Choy To-night

Blow From Cricket Ball Restores Sight

A BLOW from a cricket ball has partly restored the sight of a man who has been blind in his right eye for more than 10 years. The man is Stanley Lord, 50, of Melbourne.

Recently, while watching his mates playing cricket, he went to stop a hook to leg with his foot. The ball ran up his leg and struck his blind eye.

He rested for a time and then found he could distinguish light and make out vague forms with his blind eye. "It is a funny feeling," Lord told a Sydney "Daily Telegraph" reporter. "It is as though a mirror is always in front of me."

Lord, who is employed at Brunswick depot of the Board of Works, said he went blind because of a cataract. He had been told it was caused by some injury, but he could not remember having hurt his eye.

Coastal Regt Take Lead In Area Sports

Winning the first heat of the 480 yards high hurdles relay and taking first place in the pole vault final, 8th Coastal Regiment, Royal Artillery, snatched the lead from Middlesex at the conclusion of yesterday's events in the Area Athletic meeting, which was continued in brilliant weather at Shamshupo.

There were several good performances in the field events, notably in the javelin throw in which Bdr Pigeon threw 166 ft 5 ins. Chandra-Bhan Singh brought off the double of taking an individual placing in the high jump, in which he cleared the bar at 5 ft 7 1/2 ins, and first place in the long jump when he covered 21 ft 3 ins. The 8th Coastal, by one inch, caused a surprise when he cleared the bar at 10 ft in the pole vault—by far one of the best efforts in the Army sports to date.

Magnificent Running

The One Mile Relay was the big event of the morning, and in this Middlesex Regiment came through with flying colours. The 5/7th Rajputs, who have already distinguished themselves in an other realm of sport, namely in the machine-gun competition at the recent Blisley meeting, shared top honours with 8th Coastal Regiment, in the High Jump, both teams aggregating 10 ft 10 ins. Chandra-Bhan Singh, of the Rajputs, however, was the best individual performer and beat Capt. Skipwith, of the 8th Coastal, by one inch, clearing the bar at 5 ft 7 1/2 ins.

RESULTS

Yesterday's results were:
100 Yards Relay, Semi-final "A"—5th A. Regt. R.A. beat Hongkong Singapore Regt. R.A. by two straight pulls; Semi-final "B"—12th Coastal Regt. R.A. beat 2/14th Punjab by two straight pulls.
500 Yards Relay, Heat 1—1, 5/7th Rajput; 2, Middlesex Regt.; 3, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A.; 4, 2/14th Punjab.
1 mile 30 sec. Heat 1—1, Combined Small Units; 2, 8th Coastal Regt. R.A.; 3, Hongkong Singapore Regt. R.A.; 4, 8th A. Regt. R.A.; 5, 2/Royal Scots.
Time 1 min 40 3/4 sec.
Javelin Throw, Final—1, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Bdr Pigeon, 166 ft 5 ins); 2, 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Pte Lever, 155 ft 1 1/2 ins); 3, Pte Poole, 127 ft 3 1/2 ins; 4, 8th A. Regt. R.A. (Capt. Skipwith, 157 ft 9 ins); 5, A. No. Other 125 ft 8 1/2 ins; 6, 2/Royal Scots (147 ft 0 1/2 ins); 7, 6 ft 6 1/2 ins.
One Mile Relay, Heat 1—1, 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Sher Bax, 54.8 sec); 2, Joginder Singh 55.8 sec; 3, Murud Khan 57.6 sec; 4, Mohan Singh, 58.5 sec; 5, 8th A. Regt. R.A.; 6, 2/14th Punjab; 7, 4, Combined Small Units; 8, 3 mins. 45 1/2 sec; 9, 5/7th Rajput; 10, 1, Middlesex Regt. (McGrady 54.8 sec); 11, Cox 56 sec; 12, Goodair 56 sec; 13, Williams 56 sec; 14, 2/Royal Scots; 15, 5/7th Rajput; 16, 2, Middlesex Regt. (McGrady 54.8 sec); 17, Singapore Regt. R.A. Time 3 mins 45 3/4 sec.
High Jump, Final—1, 5/7th Rajput and 8th Coastal Regt. R.A. aggregate totals 10 ft 10 ins; 2, 8th A. Regt. R.A. 10 ft 8 ins; 3, Middlesex Regt. 10 ft 7 ins; 4, 12th Coastal Regt. R.A. 10 ft 7 ins; 5, 2/Royal Scots 10 ft 7 ins; 6, 2/14th Punjab 10 ft 7 ins; 7, 4, Combined Small Units 10 ft 7 ins; 8, 3 mins. 45 1/2 sec; 9, 5/7th Rajput; 10, 1, Middlesex Regt. (McGrady 54.8 sec); 11, Cox 56 sec; 12, Goodair 56 sec; 13, Williams 56 sec; 14, 2/Royal Scots; 15, 5/7th Rajput; 16, 2, Middlesex Regt. (McGrady 54.8 sec); 17, Singapore Regt. R.A. Time 3 mins 45 3/4 sec.
480 Yards High Hurdles Relay, Heat 1—1, 8th Coastal Regt. R.A.; 2, 8th A. A.

Badminton Finals At Kowloon Cricket Club Hooi And Chew Challenge For Senior Doubles

(By "Tinker")

ALL THREE FINALS of the Colony Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. to-night should be worth travelling far to see. In two, the Mixed Doubles and the Senior Singles, K. W. Choy, aspirant for the 1941 triple championship, will meet with his greatest opposition. In the Junior Singles, A. L. Fisher meets T. S. Young, and either may win.

Stand Court Tennis To-day

Club Singles Semi-Finals

Tennis on the Stand Court to-day will comprise both semi-finals of the Club Singles Championship. At 4.15 p.m., M. Pagh will meet Capt. R. E. Guest, and immediately following, C. H. R. Oxlade will play F. W. Carter.

Cycle Race In Kowloon For All Students

A 25-miles bicycle race, open to schools has been sponsored by the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to take place at the end of this month. The objects are to encourage physical fitness and to encourage Hongkong manufacturers.

Only two students from each school will be allowed to enter, and the entrants will be limited to 50. Students must be over the age of 16, and must be in possession of a doctor's certificate to show they are physically fit to ride over the course. The race is expected to start from Tuen Wan and finish at Yuen Long. Fifty new bicycles will be lent by the Union Cycle Company for the use of competitors so that all entrants will be mounted on similar type machines. The first prize will be a bicycle donated by this company, and other prizes will be given by the Y.M.C.A.

Bowls Teams Selected

The following will represent the Indian R.C. 1st and 3rd Division teams for League matches against the Police R.C. on Saturday.
First Division (home)—A. H. Rumjahn, S. Yau, A. O. Mader, A. R. Daliah, J. Hoosen, A. K. Sumad, A. R. Minu, A. K. Nidina, A. H. Mader, M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn, M. R. Abbas.
Reserve: M. Hassan.
Third Division (away)—B. el Arculli, J. K. A. Rumjahn, U. A. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn, M. A. Wahab, M. U. Razack, G. Sumad, A. Bakar, A. B. Hassan, A. S. Sumad, A. H. Mader, A. M. Wahab.
Reserves: A. R. M. Samy, S. M. Sadick.

Regt. R.A. Time 72 4/5 sec. Heat 2—1, 5/7th Rajput; 2, 5/7th Rajput; 3, 5/7th Rajput; 4, 5/7th Rajput; 5, 5/7th Rajput; 6, 5/7th Rajput; 7, 5/7th Rajput; 8, 5/7th Rajput; 9, 5/7th Rajput; 10, 5/7th Rajput; 11, 5/7th Rajput; 12, 5/7th Rajput; 13, 5/7th Rajput; 14, 5/7th Rajput; 15, 5/7th Rajput; 16, 5/7th Rajput; 17, 5/7th Rajput; 18, 5/7th Rajput; 19, 5/7th Rajput; 20, 5/7th Rajput; 21, 5/7th Rajput; 22, 5/7th Rajput; 23, 5/7th Rajput; 24, 5/7th Rajput; 25, 5/7th Rajput; 26, 5/7th Rajput; 27, 5/7th Rajput; 28, 5/7th Rajput; 29, 5/7th Rajput; 30, 5/7th Rajput; 31, 5/7th Rajput; 32, 5/7th Rajput; 33, 5/7th Rajput; 34, 5/7th Rajput; 35, 5/7th Rajput; 36, 5/7th Rajput; 37, 5/7th Rajput; 38, 5/7th Rajput; 39, 5/7th Rajput; 40, 5/7th Rajput; 41, 5/7th Rajput; 42, 5/7th Rajput; 43, 5/7th Rajput; 44, 5/7th Rajput; 45, 5/7th Rajput; 46, 5/7th Rajput; 47, 5/7th Rajput; 48, 5/7th Rajput; 49, 5/7th Rajput; 50, 5/7th Rajput.

The programme will be:
8.30 p.m. Mixed Doubles—K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro v. P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo.
9 p.m. Junior Singles—A. L. Fisher v. T. S. Young.
9.30 p.m. Senior Doubles—P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew v. K. W. Choy and K. B. Low.

THE LAST MATCH will undoubtedly be the attraction of the evening—if one can select from the three. While one recalls the form of Choy and Low in overcoming the great opposition of last year's champions, P. U. Wong and C. Au, the semi-finals, one also remembers the great play of Chew and Hooi in beating the Young brothers in the other semi-final.

In summing up the respective pairs, and basing judgment on previous exhibitions, much will depend on the form of Hooi. He will have a stern struggle in the Mixed Doubles, and though the Junior Singles intervenes to give him a rest, I think he will be greatly taxed in the Doubles. The same, however, should apply to K. W. Choy—Hooi's opponent in both matches. But so far Choy has shown great stamina in his matches, though it may be argued that as yet he has not been extended sufficiently to show any distress.

If F. Chew was the man of the semi-final that gave him and his partner entrance to the final. His brilliant work both at the net and on the baseline was equivalent in standard to anything Choy has put out, and because of this and the fact that he and Hooi have been partners for many seasons now, one is inclined to favour them for the title. K. B. Low, Choy's partner, has shown himself steady enough, though against Wong and Au he appeared in a somewhat dimmer light, but that was the result of the concentrated tactics of his opponents.

Mixed Doubles

MISS KIROO must observe the necessities of combination to-night and keep from seeking too far to relieve her partner of any shots to the baseline. It is true that she often acquits herself well, but it tends to put Hooi out of stride, and indecision on her partner's side may prove disastrous.

Volatile Mrs. Castro is sufficiently dependable at the net, though not as reliable as her opposite number, and, as usual, therefore, the key to the situation seems to be K. W. Choy. M. A. Oliveira gave a remarkable exhibition when he and Miss Silva were eliminated in the semi-final, and against any other opponents would probably have won. It left him completely exhausted whereas Choy on the other side did not appear unduly ruffled.

A similar exhibition, I fear, will be required of Hooi this evening, and it may be disastrous for his doubles match.

Junior Singles

T. S. YOUNG, after his defeat of N. L. Smith, advanced considerably for most people's opinions as contender for the Junior Singles title, whereas A. L. Fisher has never been too convincing. Personally, I would place faith in Young for Fisher's display in the doubles match on Tuesday was not that of a champion. Following the matches, the distribution of prizes by Mrs. T. E. Pearce will take place.

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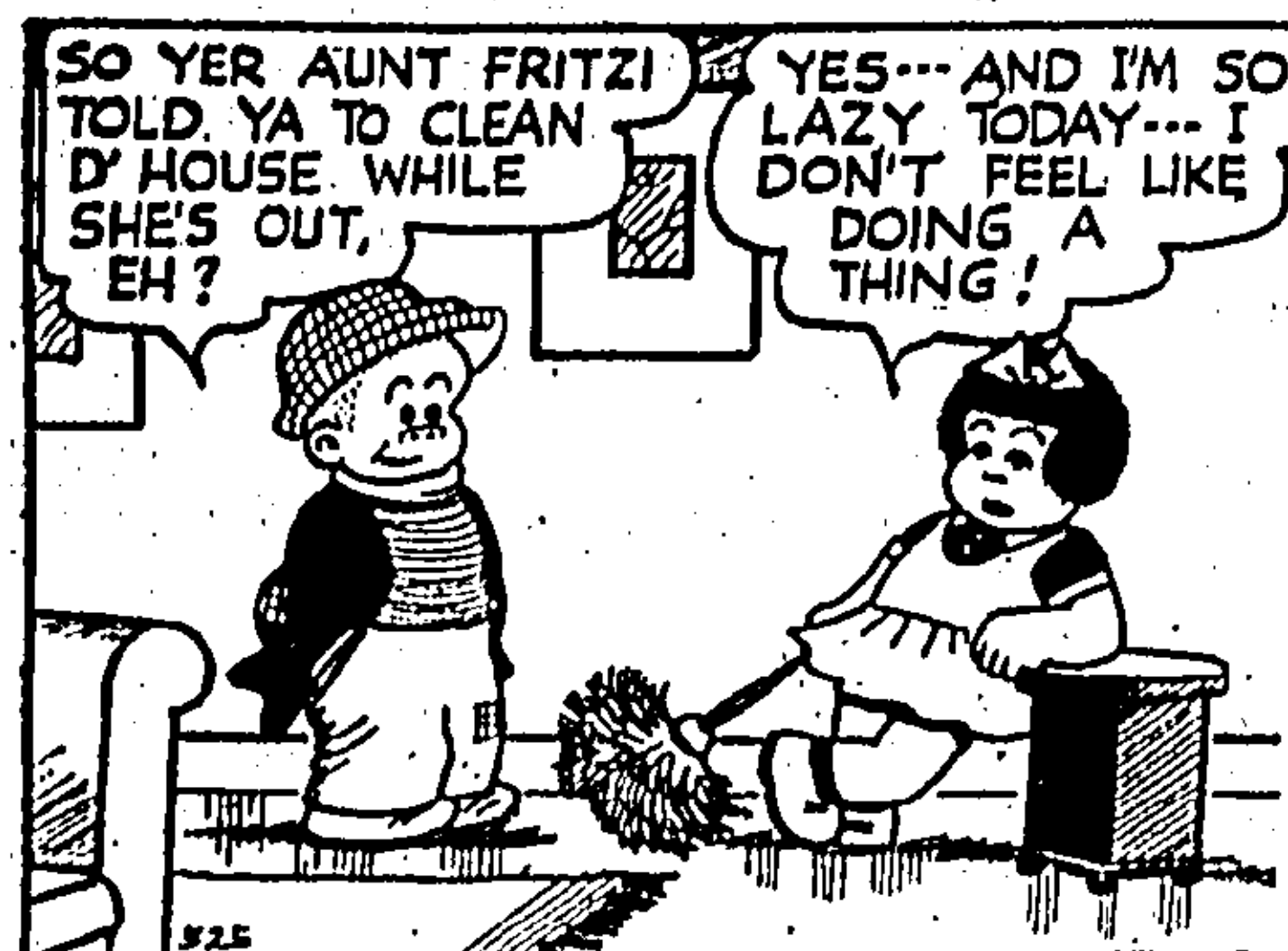
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SOMERSET MAUGHAM PLAY TO-NIGHT



The European Y.M.C.A. has chosen for its current dramatic effort W. Somerset Maugham's comedy, "Mrs. Dalloway." The first performance takes place to-night at 8.15 p.m. and will be followed by two other performances to-morrow and Saturday. Y.M.C.A. war charities will benefit. Above, the producer, Charles Thom (extreme left) is seen with the cast: Rita Cole, Lewis Benn, Fred Gleno, David Ingley, Winifred Dalziel, Peggy Sharpe, Ralph Dormer, Norah Wicheil, Frank Willis and Bill Colledge. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

FORD HAS AIRCRAFT SECRET

Surprising results are reported to have been achieved by a new machine-riveting process now being experimented with at the Ford plant in Detroit under the watchful eyes of defence officials.

The new process is said to enable hand riveting in aircraft production to be abolished and to cut the labour time by half.

Hand riveting is said to constitute the greatest bottleneck in the flow of aircraft supplies.

Experiments are being carried out in a closely-guarded section of the Ford plant, and only Army technical experts and Defence Commission representatives are allowed to see them.

KING'S STARTS FRIDAY



GINGER ROGERS, as "KITTY FOYLE," America's White-Collar Girl, heroine of the sensational novel by Christopher Morley: The Natural History of a Woman: With DENNIS MORAN, JAMES CRAIG, Eduardo Giamelli, Ernest Cossart Gladys Cooper. Directed by Sam Wood, who made "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."

KITTY FOYLE

Chinese To Serve In Malay Forces

If the proposal materialises, Perak Chinese will have the distinction of forming part of the British regular forces with the formation of a Perak Chinese Motor Transport Company for service for the duration of the war in Malaya.

At a meeting last week, Chinese leaders gave whole-hearted support to the proposal to form such a company as a separate unit from the newly-formed non-European units in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

This would be the first Chinese company to be formed and would be part of the regular forces, the men being enlisted in the ordinary way.

Leaders of the community state that the Chinese are enthusiastic to serve and give proof of their loyalty to the British Government. They have given full assurance of help to the military authorities in enlisting the necessary numbers for a company. The pay is \$25 (Straits currency), a month for ordinary drivers, plus food, clothing and accommodation as customary in the army and recruits will enjoy soldiers' privileges in regard to duty and railway fares when they go on leave to visit their families.

There are no facilities for family accommodation in barracks nor can there be any marriage allowance. The headquarters of the company will be in Ipoh.

About 400 men will be required, including a certain number of N. C. Os. In addition, about 10 or 12 officers will be needed on a pay ranging from \$150 and allowances.

There will be, in the early stages, a certain number of British Army officers and N. C. Os. as instructors.

Germans' War On Churches

Figures compiled at the Vatican show that nearly 2,000 churches, belonging to various denominations, have been destroyed or damaged in Britain by German bombs and 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents have been destroyed.

The exact total of the churches, as given by the Vatican radio, is 1,986, made up of 77 Roman Catholic, 770 Anglican, and 1,139 Free Church.

The details are as follows:— Destroyed in London.—14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, 125 Free Church.

Damaged in London.—13 Roman Catholic, 250 Anglican, 350 Free Church.

Destroyed or heavily damaged in Provinces.—20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican, 150 Free Church.

Churches More Lightly Damaged.—30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican, 514 Free Church.

Capsules As Defence In War On Civilians

AN offer from U.S.A. to feed Britain with myriads of capsules containing vital minerals and vitamins was a scientific news item of the week, writes the Sydney "Sun."

Britain therefore, might fight with capsule as well as with gun. It's the half-illness that saps home morale, reacting as "war weariness."

People can live on restricted diets yet maintain vim—given essential minerals and vitamins. Professor Mottram, famous London physiologist, has advised Britain to snap up America's offer and avert the fate of the civilian populations of Austria and Russia in the last world war.

Deficiency Diseases

Recent study of the deficiency diseases reveals their importance in war.

Vitamin A lack causes semi-blindness; sore eyes; could cripple efforts of civilian air-raid wardens, roof-spreaders and other home defenders.

Vitamin B (a mixture of 10 factors), if lacking, causes neuritis and nerve troubles (even hallucinations). Vitamin B1 deficiency caused the "beriberi" wave in post-war Vienna, 1919. Lack of other B factors causes

Few Of The Evils

Of the minerals, calcium lack, besides affecting bone-growth, also causes weakness and mental depression. Sleeplessness is one result.

Iron deficiency causes anaemia, which again means listlessness and poor effort.

Those are only a few of the evils. Combined effect is a C3 class home front and fall of morale.

All the same "man cannot live by vitamins alone."

The capsules can never be a substitute for food factors—proteins, sugars, fats. But they will enable citizens on even a minimum diet to remain cheerful and healthy. They may lose weight, but not their "nerve," and nerve wins "total" wars.

By Ernie Bushmiller

P.M.G. Has Cable Code For Lovers

Britain's Post Office has reduced love talk to a snappy code, so that affection can be cabled cheaply to troops overseas. It's all done by numbers, and though special consideration has been given to Love there are other categories, such as Money and Health.

Mr W. S. Morrison, the Postmaster-General, announced the code at the National Defence Public Interest Committee's luncheon in London.

Not So Cold

It was found that in telegrams to soldiers the same phrases kept recurring, he said.

The code would shorten them and enable more telegrams to be sent.

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And the cost to the sender will be 2s. 6d. (including signature and address)—a price which, under the present service, would have to be paid for six words, plus address.

For The Hard-up

The "Love" group contains about 100 standard phrases.

In the "Health" section No. 69 reads, "All well, children evacuated." Nos. 85 or 86 are—"Son is born" and "Daughter born."

Number 103 in the "Money" group may crop up pretty often—"Glad if you could send some money."

No. 139, "Miscellaneous," strikes a special note: "Hearing your voice on the wireless gave me a wonderful thrill."

Another phrase which has been thought of is: "Good show, keep it up."

The new system is expected to reduce substantially the delays which have occurred in transmission of telegrams to troops.

'Tiny' Finds The Army Awkward

Private Alfred Ernest Nightingale, of the Royal Artillery, is one of the Army's biggest problems.

He is the tallest man in the Service, measuring 6 ft. 9½ in. and weighing 17½ stone.

His clothes and boots (size 16½) had to be fashioned specially for him. His outside underclothing is made by his sister.

Alfred, who is 23, and whose home is at Enfield, Essex, is one of nine children.

He is stationed in the North. "Things are awkward at times," he declares.

Officers' Dilemma

"My senior officers don't quite know where to put me when we're on a route march."

"Sometimes they think I would look best in the front rank, sometimes in the middle, sometimes in the rear."

As you might expect, Private Nightingale is known in the Army as "Tiny."

He is given one and a half times the ordinary soldier's rations—but that is unofficial.

He is a teetotaler.

Other Measurements

Here are some more of his measurements:—

Neck 18½ inches, chest 50, waist 42, hips 47, reach 85, biceps 17, wrist 8½ and forearm 13½. His greatest, and he now admits most foolish achievement, was to carry five cwt. of cement ten yards for a sixpenny bet.

The average soldier is 5 feet 8 inches tall.

Children's Spring Push

Boys and girls living at the 30 National Camps Corporation Schools are making a great "Dig for Victory" effort.

More than 8,000 children who have been evacuated to the camps—14 are exclusively for London children—having learned how to cultivate vegetables and fruit, are now learning to like the carrots, swedes, spinach and turnips which they grow.

They have started their "spring offensive."

"Every day a special time is devoted to the gardens, and in some camps each dormitory has a special patch where the youngsters grow what they like," the secretary said.

"Potatoes are favourite, but at a camp in Sussex, which used to be a farm, a battered greenhouse has been fixed up and they are growing tomatoes."

Lord Strabolgi's Wedding

The marriage of Lord Strabolgi, Socialist Chief Whip in the House of Lords, to Mrs. Geraldine Mary Hamilton, formerly Miss. Geraldine Francis, his secretary, took place at Leominster, Herefordshire, recently.

Mrs. Hamilton is the only daughter of the late Mr. Maurice Francis and Mrs. Francis, of Kensington.

Lord Strabolgi, who is 54, and, as Cmdr. J. M. Kenworthy, was M.P. for the Central Division of Hull for some years, succeeded his father in 1934.

His first marriage was dissolved in July last year, the decree nisi being made absolute in January.

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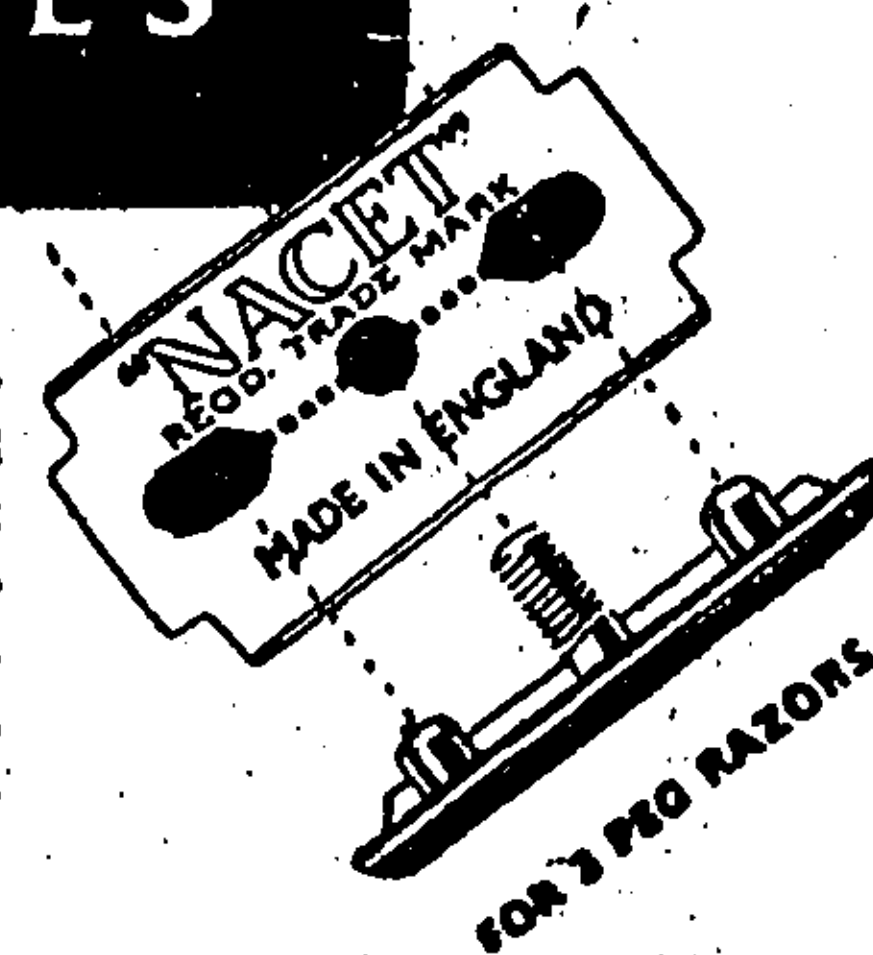
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AUDACIOUS RESCUE ATTEMPT

By British Sub.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—An attempt by a British submarine to rescue the British Minister to Yugoslavia in an Italian-occupied port on the Dalmatian coast is told in the following British Admiralty communiqué:

"A report has been received from the Mediterranean of an exceedingly audacious attempt by one of our submarines, Regent (Lieut-Commander P. J. H. Bartlett) to embark Mr Ronald Campbell, British Minister to Yugoslavia, and his staff after the collapse of organised Yugoslav resistance.

"At dawn on April 26, the port was occupied by the Italian Army. Nevertheless the Regent entered the port and an officer from the submarine was landed to call on the senior Italian naval officer-in-charge. As a result an Italian Army Staff Officer was embarked in the Regent as a hostage while the British officer went in search of Mr Ronald Campbell.

"Meanwhile the Regent lay in harbour, wearing her largest White Ensign, and surrounded by large forces of the Italian Army. This tense but farcical situation continued for nine hours while the submarine waited in the hope that the landed British officer would find Mr Campbell and bring him down to the port.

Dive Bombers Attack

"Nine hours after entering the harbour, however, the Regent was attacked by two Italian dive-bombers. These dropped several bombs and attacked with machine-guns, slightly wounding the Commanding Officer, the First Lieutenant and one petty officer. The Commanding Officer of the Regent then decided that he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. The Regent dived and left harbour submerged.

Through Minefields

"The Regent had to pass through two minefields in order to reach the harbour of Kotor. These are successfully negotiated on leaving, and then passed out of the Adriatic and on to the open sea. The Commanding Officer of the Regent then decided that he could wait no longer in face of the great risk of further attacks. The Regent dived and left harbour submerged.

"Though the Regent's mission was successful in rescuing the British Minister, the fact that the British submarine could lie for nine hours in a harbour occupied by the enemy and subsequently be successfully extricated is a tribute to the coolness and determination of the Commanding Officer and crew of the Regent."

Navy's Newest Battleship's Power

FROM PAGE ONE

mighty over-powering woomph woomph as the great 14-inch guns opened up. My tiny platform was rocked.

Shells from the 5.25 guns seemed to whistle past within a foot or two. Clouds of cordite smoke and fumes almost choked me. I rubbed my eyes.

Target Straddled

In the bluish rays of the searchlight, a white column of water shot up as the shells straddled the target. Barrels of multiple pom-poms spat out more shells.

Like with my head ringing, my eyes smarting, I spoke to the gunnery officer. For weeks under his direction, the gun crews had been training hard to make the brand-new Prince of Wales one of the Navy's crack gunnery ships and the practice shoot had been most encouraging.

Retreat Advised By Greeks

the collapse of the Greek Army and bloodshed useless to the Allied cause. Consequently the Greek Government are obliged to state that further sacrifice of the British Expeditionary Force will be in vain and its withdrawal in time seems to be rendered necessary by circumstances and by interests common to the struggle.

The Labour member, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, asked Mr Eden to convey to the Greek Premier Britain's deep gratitude for the magnificent courage and endurance which the Greek Army has shown and for their loyalty as Allies. (Loud Cheers).

Mr Eden concurred and added: "The whole House feels that to tribute can be too high for what they have achieved."

Hitler Must Doubt Says Mr Menzies

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—"Hitler would say 'I shall never win this way' if he could see the bombed towns, cities and villages of this country," said the Australian Prime Minister, Mr R. G. Menzies, paying tribute to "all types and classes of people of Great Britain."

Germany had invented the phrase "total war" meaning war on women and children, old men and undefended citizens.

"Total war for us means war on everyone who speaks the British tongue all over the world and when our enemy has discovered that he is dealing with one solid resolute mass of the people of our race, wherever they may live, I venture to believe that he will begin to get doubts which will grow into fear, and fears which will grow into defeat."



MORE JOBS NEEDED—New York City recently advertised 1,000 jobs open at \$15 a week or less, as hospital laundry workers and helpers. More than 4,000 applied, some of them college graduates and some waiting 24 hours in line, as above.

Soviet Transit Ban Does Not Affect Materials For China

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—Responsible quarters here understand that the Soviet regulations against transit of war supplies do not affect Soviet shipments of defence materials to China. All such shipments have recently gone directly overland into China territory. Moreover, they consist of materials manufactured and produced entirely within the Soviet Union; therefore, no question is involved of the trans-shipment of foreign supplies.

Authoritative circles recalled that prior to the outbreak of the European war, the Russians shipped from the Black Sea via the Red Sea to Rangoon, considerable quantities of materials for China, but this traffic ceased, as far as is known here, upon the outbreak of war.

It is understood that Russia never shipped any sizeable amounts of materials via Vladivostok.

Both Chinese and Russian circles here understand that there has been no change in relations as far as supplies are concerned since the signing of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression agreement.

Neat Trick

LONDON, Apr. 30 (UP).—Competent observers to-day described Russia's ban on the transit of war materials as the "neatest trick of the week." They believed that Germany made at least informal remonstrances to Moscow following the news last week that the Soviets had agreed to the transit of armaments from Sweden to Turkey.

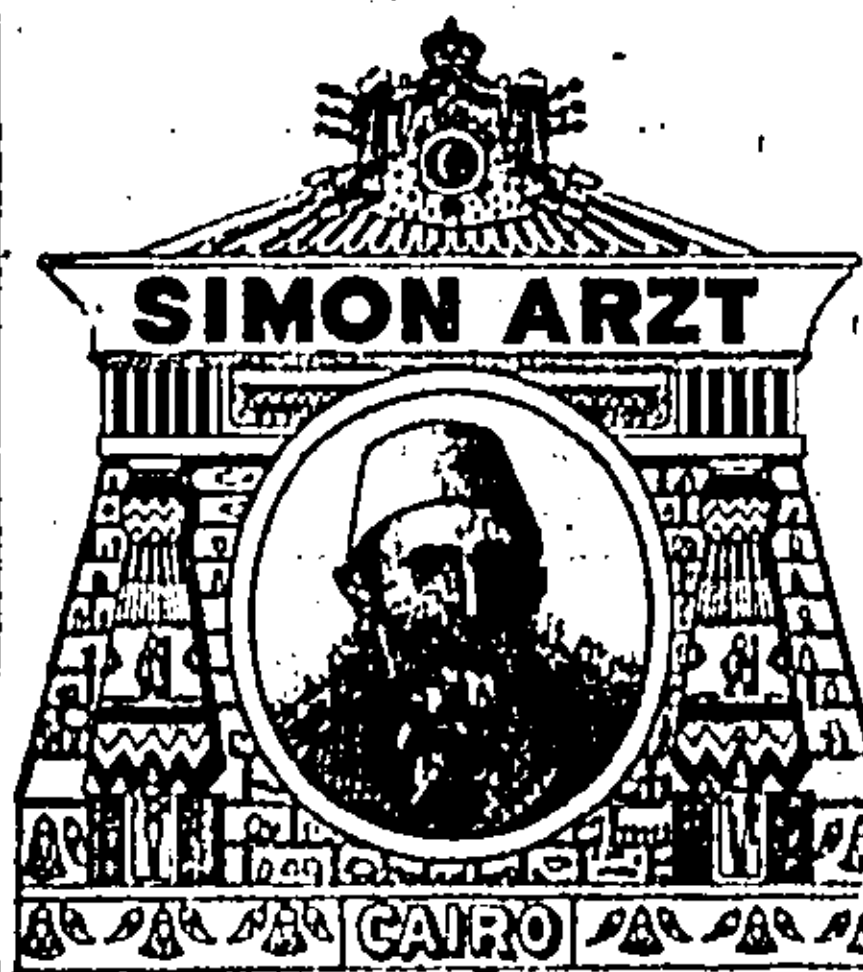
M. Stalin apparently not only complied with the German wishes but went much further and prohibited the transit of all munitions, thereby striking an unexpected blow to a far more important armaments traffic—that between Germany and Japan.

Tokyo Surprised

TOKYO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—While official information has not yet been received, competent authorities are mildly astonished at the Soviet decree banning the transit of war materials. However, it is said that economic negotiations with the Soviet are continuing although it is believed that they are not concerned with war materials.

It is pointed out that the Soviet decree mentions certain exceptions by special authorisation or trade agreements. Japan is probably unaffected.

LATE NEWS



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second.

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-
cession.

12.30 Light Symphony Orchestra
with Harold Williams (Baritone).
May Day Overture (Haydn Wood)
...Light Symphony Orchestra
conducted by the Composer; The Merry-
Go-Round (Lockton and Talo)....
Harold Williams (Baritone); Ply-
mouth Hoe—A Nautical Overture
(Ansell)....Light Symphony Orchestra
conducted by John Ansell; Lords
of the Air (North and Burnaby);
We'll Remember (Knox and Novello);
...Harold Williams (Baritone); The
Seven Seas (March)—(Eric Coates);
I Sing To You (Souvenir)—(Eric
Coates)....Light Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Eric Coates.

1. Local Time Signal.

1.01 Benno Moisevitich (Piano)
and Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).
(a) Flirtations in a Chinese Gar-
den; (b) Rush Hour in Hongkong
(Chasins); Impromptu in A Flat
(Chopin)....Benno Moisevitich (Pla-
no); Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).
(c) Invitation to the Waltz (Weber).
...Benno Moisevitich (Piano); Her
Bright Smile Haunts me Still (Wright-
son); Gavotta and Allegro (Valentini).
...Emanuel Feuermann (Cello).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and
Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 A Dance Programme.

7.15 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of
the Hour."

7.30 Compositions of Kitchener.

Bells across the Meadow....The
London Palladium Orchestra; In a
Manservant Garden....Reginald Foort
(Organ); In the Moonlight....The
London Palladium Orchestra; Alger-
ian Scene....The Phantom Mooley;
Albert Soudier (Violin); Sanctuary
of the Heart; The Sacred Hour....
The London Palladium Orchestra.

8. Local Time Signal and An-
nouncements.

8.02 List—"Mefisto" Waltz No. 1.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Johnny—Quartet in D Flat
Major, Op. 15.

8.53 A Song.

My Dearest Heart (Sullivan)....
Doris Vane (Soprano).

9. London Relay—The News and
News Commentary.

9.15 Selections from Musical
Comedy.

"Home and Beauty" (C. B. Coch-
ran)....Magna Neel, Janet Lind
and Webster Booth; "Charles's Mas-
querade"—Selection....New Mayfair
Orchestra; The Riddle Scene (from
"Swing Along")....Leslie Benson,
Fred Jimmy and Richard Hearnie;
Bridge of Lovers—"Carole's Rap-
ture" (Ivor Novello)....Drury Lane
Theatre Orchestra, solo Olive Gilbert;
Musical Comedy—Selection—Intro:
The Mounties (Rose-Marie); Merry
Widow Waltz (Merry Widow); Spread
a Little Happiness (Mr Cinders); Roll
away Clouds (Virginia)....Garda
Hall and George Baker.

0.45 Charlie Kunz (Piano) and
Clapham and Dwyer (Comedians).

0.45-10 News in French (on Short
Wave Only).

10. London Relay—"To Talk of
Many Things."

10.15 Blind Torch at the Organ.

10.25 New Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—You're Dangerous; You
Lucky People, You (both from film
"Road to Zanzibar")....Tommy Dor-
sey and his Orchestra; Fox-Trot—
Sing 'em Low; Rumba—Danza Lu-
cumli....Artie Shaw and his Orchestra;
Fox-Trot—It's Always You; Birds
of a Feather (both from film
"Road to Zanzibar")....Tommy Dor-
sey and his Orchestra; Waltz—I'll
Always Love You....Sydney Lipton
and his Grosvenor House Dance
Orchestra; Fox-Trot—I'm Always
Chasing Rainbows (film "Ziegfeld
Girl")....Keep an Eye on your Heart
....Joe Reichman and his Orchestra;
Samba—I, Yi, Yi, Yi, Yi; Fox-Trot—
Good Night (both from film "That
Night in Rio")....Leo Reisman and
his Orchestra.

11 Close Down.

STOCK EXCHANGE TURNOVER SMALL

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—On
the Stock Exchange to-day, condi-
tions were cheerful but the turnover
was small apart from a good demand
for gilt-edged which made a further
substantial appreciation.

Among the foreign bonds, Greeks
and Japanese hardened.
Cable and Wireless weakened from
0.3% to 0.1% on less optimistic
dividend expectations.

Kaffirs were quietly firm.
Wall Street was quiet.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (British Wire-
less).—The American Ambassador to-
day received three London streamers
which will shortly sail for America to
return the visit of the New York Fire
Brigade which sent delegates to Lon-
don last autumn.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE

MONSTER RAFFLE

Unclaimed Prizes

Messrs. Linstead & Davis have
notified The Hongkong War Effort
Committee that the prizes for the
following winning numbers, in the
recent raffle, have not yet been
claimed:

310,	2738,	2876,	4005,	4232,
4509,	5486,	5587,	7602,	10003,
11553,	11859,	12802,	12947,	14885,
15007,	15944,	16259,	16763,	16930,
18180,	20078,	20382,	20754,	22644,
22975,	23048,	25681,	25897,	26348,
27838,	28131,	30728,	30897,	30930,
31037,	32807,	33012,	33405,	33674,
34115,	39171,	39408,	39614,	40163,
40190,	40710,	41408,	41610,	42000,
42923,	43050,	45098,	47995,	48402,
48541,	48574,	52953,	52702,	58453,
58741,	58774,	58307,	58363,	58591,
57740,	58038,	59469,	59025,	60409,
63390,	63395,	63532,	63808,	64449,
65052,	65460,	66010,	68150,	68500,
68708,	71304,	71672,	71758,	72975,
73595,	74007,	74744,	76868,	76873,
78700,	80771,	81033,	81038,	82841,
83997,	84025,	85157,	86345,	87237,

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-second Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of the
undersigned on Wednesday, the
21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers, together
with a statement of Accounts for
the year ended the 31st December,
1940.

The Share Register and Trans-
fer Books will be closed from the
7th May to the 21st May, 1941,
both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official
Summary issued yesterday:

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70

Indo-China (Pref) \$80

Hotels \$2.80

Lands \$30.50

Ropes \$6

Entertainments \$6.25

Sellers

Lands \$33

Trams \$16

Electricity "Rts" \$14

Sales

Providents \$4.60

Mr E. A. Turner, who has been
Secretary of the National Committee
of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in China
for the last 28 years, is at present in
the Colony prior to leaving for Ame-
rica on furlough.

AUDACIOUS RESCUE ATTEMPT

By British Sub.

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—
An attempt by a British sub-
marine to rescue the British
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Italian-occupied port on the Dal-
matian coast is told in the
following British Admiralty
communiqué:

"A report has been received
from the Mediterranean of an
exceedingly audacious attempt
by one of our submarines, Re-
gent (Lieut-Commander P. J. H.
Bartlett) to embark Mr Ronald
Campbell, British Minister to
Yugo-Slavia, and his staff after
the collapse of organised Yugo-
Slav resistance.

"At dawn on April 26, the port was
occupied by the Italian Army.
Nevertheless the Regent entered the
port and an officer from the sub-
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Was in Hongkong

LONDON, May 1 (Reuter).—Lieut
Commander Bartlett, hero of the
submarine exploit, was for a time
in command of the submarine Perseus
on the China Station before the war.

LETTERS

The Late Miss Gertrude Drayton

The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—To all members of the Victo-
ria League and to all returned
students from the United Kingdom
the unfortunate death of Miss Ger-
trude Drayton, C.B.E., as a result of
enemy action, reported in the Press
a few days ago, must have come as
a terrible shock. For many years
Miss Drayton was the Secretary of
the Victoria League in London, and
in this position she rendered in-
calculable help to students from the Far
East who pursued their studies in
the United Kingdom.

Her service took many forms. She
met students on their arrival, found
board and lodging for them, arranged
for their admission into the different
Universities, introduced them to good
society, looked after their affairs in
general and sent reports periodically
to their parents. After the outbreak
of the present war, she also helped
a number of students in obtaining
passages back to the Far East.

There must be many in this Colony
who have benefited either directly
or indirectly from the kind assistance
and sound advice so freely given by
Miss Drayton. To her they owe a
debt which cannot now be repaid,
and one feels sure that they, and in
many cases their parents, will be
anxious to mark their gratitude to
Miss Drayton by subscribing to a
worthy cause in her memory, and in
this respect, the Committee of the
local Victoria League consider that
there can be no wotlier cause than
the Bomber Fund.

We are directed by the Committee
to appeal to the public of all nation-
alities in general, and to returned
students from the United Kingdom
in particular, as well as to their
parents, to send subscriptions to the
Bomber Fund in memory of one who
devoted the whole of her life to
helping others and promoting better
understanding and closer relation-
ship between the different peoples of
the British Empire.

J. RALSTON,
T. O. T'ao,
Joint Hon. Secretaries,
Victoria League.

Withdrawn Attache Promoted

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—
A dig at Italy is the interpretation
in some quarters of the action of the
War Department in promoting Major
William Bentley, whose recall from
his position as Assistant Military
Attache, at Rome was demanded by
Italy, and assigning him to an im-
portant post in Tangier.

Roosevelt & Johnson Feted In Chungking

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 30 (UP).—A dinner was given this
evening by the Foreign Minister, Mr Wang Chung-hui, in honour
of the American Ambassador, Mr Nelson John, Captain John
Roosevelt and Major Gerald Thomas.

Those present included Mr Everett
Drumright, Embassy Secretary;
Major David Barrett, Assistant
Military Attache; Captain James
McHugh, Assistant Naval Attache;
Captain Francis McQuillan, Langue-
nage Officer, Captain Horace Greely,
General Poi Chung-hui, Vice Chief
of Staff; General Chang Tze-caung
and Mr Chen Li-fu, Minister of
Education.

Mutual Felicitations
"You will see with your own eyes,
China's deep appreciation for Ameri-
can moral and material support. In
China's just cause and China's deter-
mination to defend the Pacific front
against Japanese aggression until
final victory," said Mr Wang.

Ambassador Johnson expressed re-
gret at leaving China, observing:
"During my long stay in China, I
have seen much of China's greatness.
I am confident of her great future.
I can not sever my thoughts or con-
nections with China and I hope to re-
turn when opportunity permits."

Captain Roosevelt said: "I have
seen a great deal of China during my
brief sojourn, and I never expected to
see what I have already seen."
Captain Roosevelt shared Ambassa-
dor Johnson's sentiments regarding
China and declared that it was
through the Ambassador's efforts that
the Chinese-American relations were
so cordial.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were
issued on the Hongkong Stock Mar-
ket this morning:

H.K. Banks \$.....1,325 n.	
H.K. Banks \$.....71 n.	
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$.....78 n.	
Chartered \$.....8% n.	
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....22% n.	
Mercantile C. \$.....11% n.	
East Asia \$.....70 b.	

Cantons \$.....222% n.	
Union \$.....420 n.	
China Underwriters \$.....187 n.	

Douglas \$.....135 n.	
Steamboats \$.....8% n.	
Indo-China P. \$.....80 b.	
Indo-China D. \$.....60 n.	
Shell (Barrers) \$.....40/7% n.	
Waterboats \$.....0.55 n.	

Wharves \$.....85% n.	
Docks \$.....15 n.	
Providents \$.....460 n.	
Shal Dockyards \$.....26 n.	

Kallan \$.....14/- n.	
Rauha \$.....8 n.	
H.K. Mines \$.....1% cts. n.	

Hotels \$ x d.....2.80 b.	
Lands \$.....33 s.	
Lands 4% Debentures.....97% n.	
Shal Lands Sh. \$.....12.70 n.	
Humphreys \$.....0.70 n.	
H.K. Realities \$.....2.90 n.	
Chinese Estates \$.....90 n.	

Trams \$.....10 s.	
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7% n.	
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3% n.	
Star Ferries \$.....5% n.	
Y. Ferries \$.....23% n.	
China Lights (old) \$.....6 s.	
China Lights (new) \$.....1% n.	
H.K. Electric (old) x rts.....2% n.	
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....24% n.	
H.K. Electric Rts.....14 s.	
Macao Electric \$.....17 n.	
Sandakan Lights \$.....12 n.	
Telephones (old) \$.....23 s.	
Telephones (new) \$.....9% n.	

Cold: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....30 n.	
Cold: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....25 n.	
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.	
Cements \$ x d.....15 n.	
H.K. Ropes \$.....7 n.	

Dairy Farms \$.....17% n.	
Watsons \$.....9% n.	
Long Crawford \$.....5% n.	
Sincere \$.....2.15 n.	
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.	
Powell Ltd. \$.....1% n.	

Ewo Sh. \$.....38% n.	
Shal Cotton Sh. \$.....200 n.	

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H.K. Entertainments \$.....6% n.	
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 n.	
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.	
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.	
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) \$.....6/3 n.	
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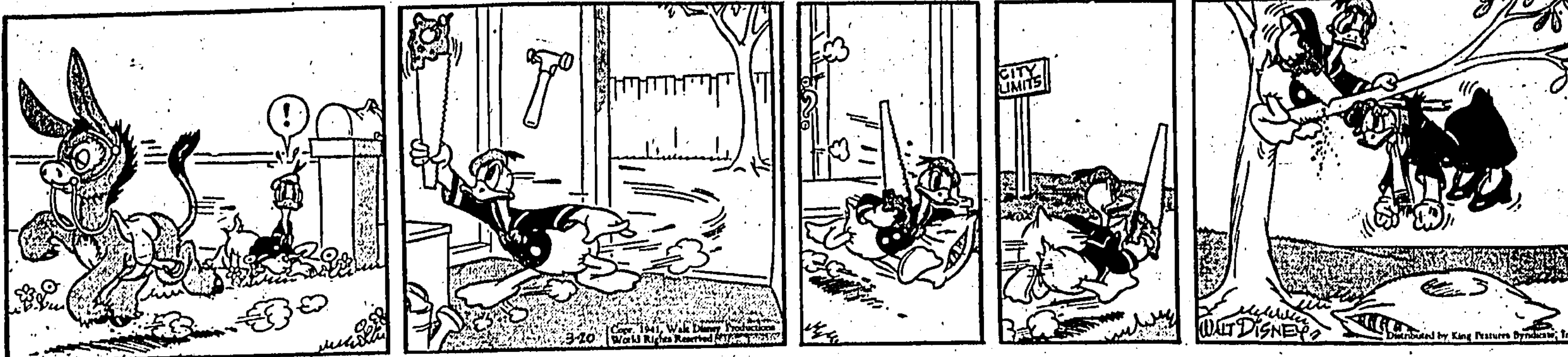
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SPY-1941 MODEL

Espionage isn't what it used to be. Glamour is out, and business men are preferred. The changing character of this war-time 'profession' is here discussed by a well-known American war correspondent.

The Mata Haris of this war have taken a back seat behind plain John Businessman, ace espionage agent of 1941.

For it takes more than good looks and intelligence to cross frontiers in Europe to-day. One businessman with no charm at all, but with business abroad, is worth far more to European intelligence services than a bevy of beauties.

Which is why counter espionage officials of neutral governments say they believe Britain now has a big edge on Germany in military information.

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They Travel

War or no war, those men travel. War needs their intelligence and war machines are made of what they have to sell. No matter how tight a frontier may be "sealed" the man who has what the government wants will always be able to pass.

Eventually he comes back out again. Then he may go directly to a British (or German) friend—perhaps a diplomat, perhaps a businessman, perhaps just a social acquaintance.

Used By All

He tells of industrial bottlenecks in war production in the country factory striving to widen that bottleneck. Perhaps he's surprised and perhaps he isn't when he reads in his paper a few days later that the same factory has been bombed.

All belligerents use these commercial spies to the fullest possible extent. Some even start off their business trips with special missions, a fact which their hosts frequently

guess. Some come back with false information hung around their necks by hosts who fully expect them to report to the enemy.

Here's an example of how they work—fictitious, but in a pattern familiar to commercial attaches and government agents.

Blindspot on the bombing map, we'll say, is the town of Rolm, 40 miles east of the junction of the Dutch and Belgian frontiers. The German industrial directory tells the British what factories are in or near the town, what they are equipped to make and how big they are. It does not tell them what they're now making, nor does it say what troops are in Rolm.

Directory A Fumble

The German industrial directory was somebody's fumble in Berlin and a boon to the R.A.F. It comes out every year and the 1940 edition appeared as usual, giving, with typical German thoroughness, even the new locations to which certain key factories had been transferred. Bombs followed. The industrial directory was not published this year.

On with the example. London sends word to all commercial agents, businessmen and British official representatives abroad that they want to know what is going on in Rolm where there's a glass company, a steel mill, a firm making frames for racing bicycles and a soap factory.

A British commercial agent in Madrid may be a resident Englishman selling business insurance to Spanish companies. He has a wide acquaintance and he has means of meeting the Spanish distributing agents for the Rolm Glass Company's hotel table glasses.

Perhaps he meets them himself, perhaps he delegates the job to a Spanish hotel owner who may be viewed by the distributors as a customer. Perhaps the distributors have visited Rolm recently and if not, then certainly a Rolm salesman has been calling. Germany needs foreign exchange.

The salesman, while explaining the delay in filling orders, may happen to mention that the factory's warehouses have been used by the military to store military equipment or to house troops.

Danube barge makers in Yugoslavia get their steel from Germany. The heads of the firm visit Germany on buying expeditions and talk to the owners of the little Rolm plant where plate steel is made.

Swiss chemists from idle Swiss factories are sent to Germany by their firms to study German methods of making soap out of coal or other materials in order to keep the Swiss factory busy filling German orders.

Portuguese bicycle dealers buy most of their bicycle frames where they can, for there's little iron in Portugal and the shipments from the United States and Britain are rare these days. They may go to Rolm, too.

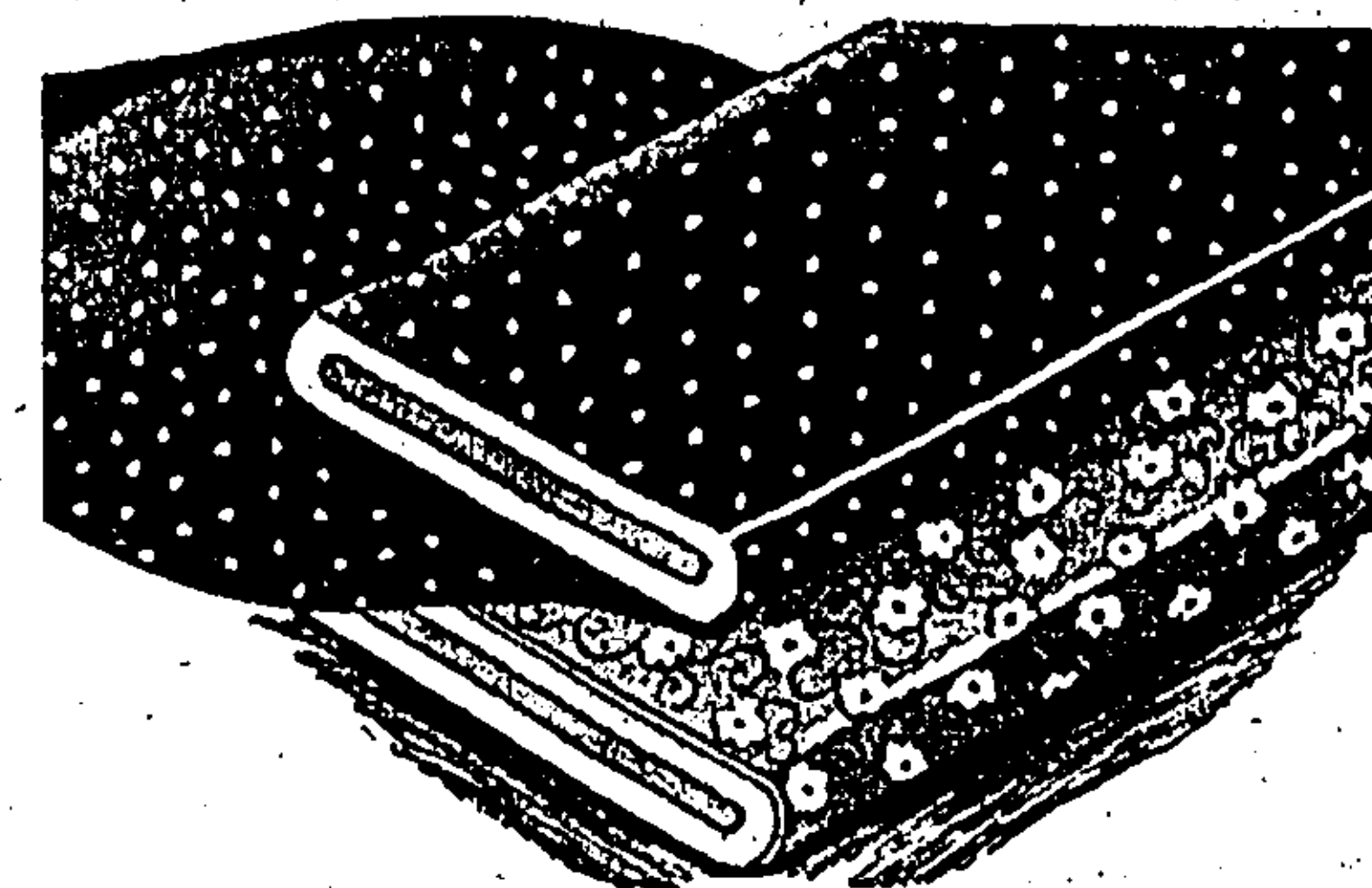
"It sounds like luck," said a commercial man who outlined the picture, "but it isn't. Business crosses frontiers and with it goes espionage."

He estimated that at least half the information handled by military intelligence in London came from commercial sources or through commercial channels.

Information In Invoices

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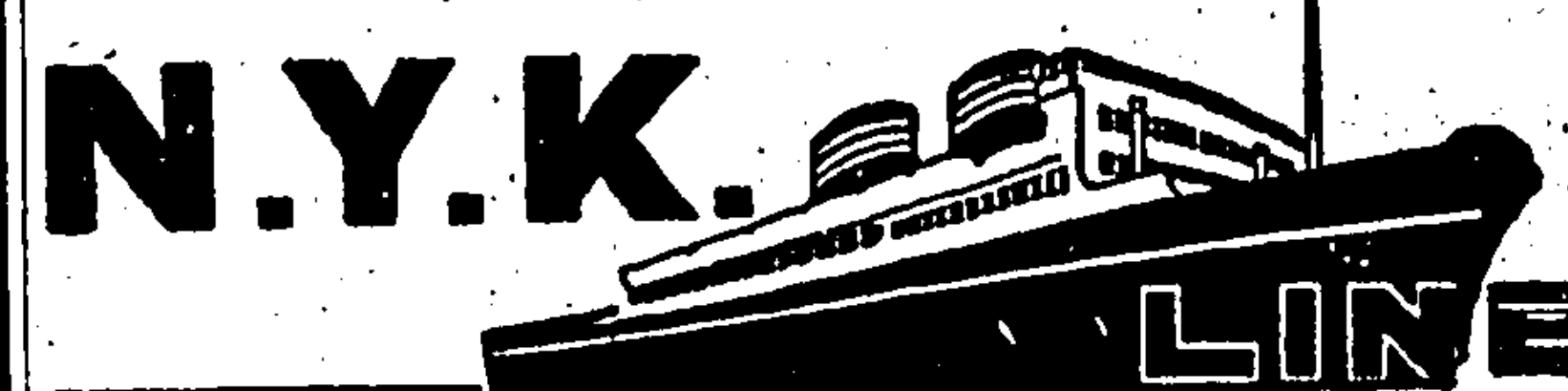
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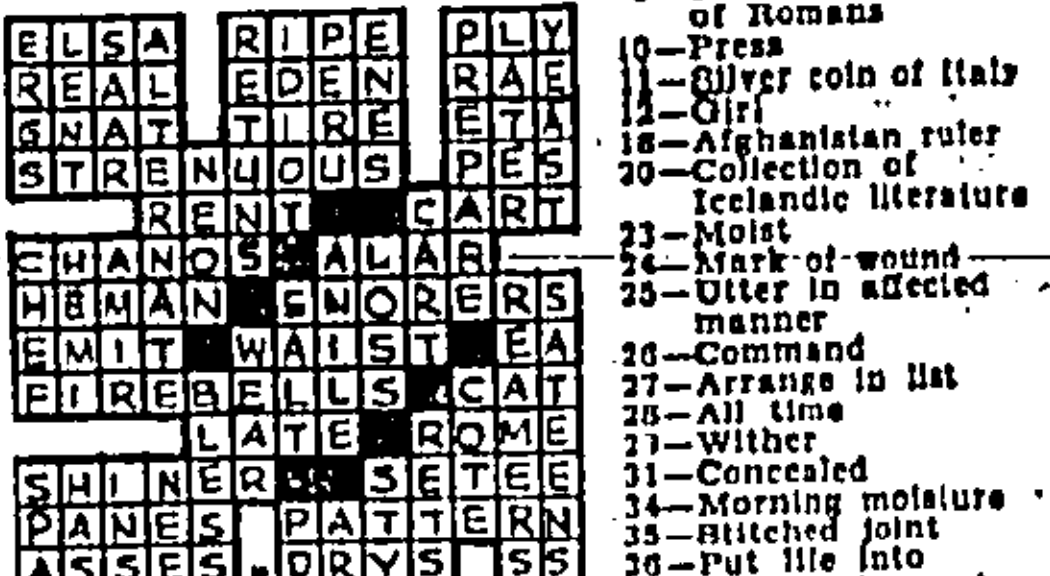
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Crossword Puzzle

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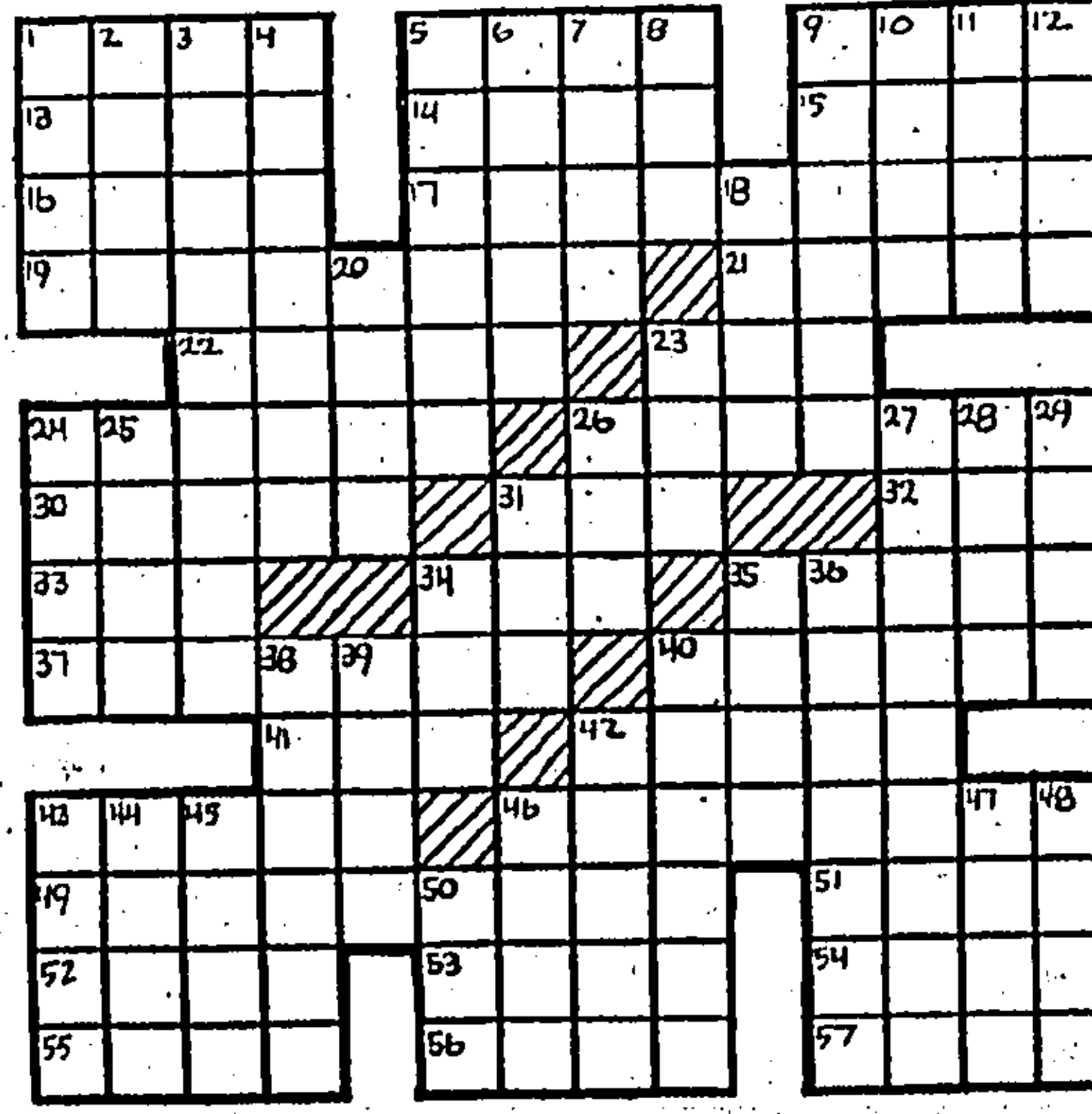
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- 1-Cut short
 - 2-Notable times
 - 3-Medical tablet
 - 4-Leave out
 - 5-Point
 - 6-Italian melody
 - 7-Turnpike condition
 - 8-Skilled workers
 - 9-United
 - 10-Underground
 - 11-Periodic rates and sale of ocean level
 - 12-Quicker
 - 13-Flowers
 - 14-Scolds
 - 15-Piece of twine
 - 16-Strike
 - 17-Solution to Virgin
 - 18-Prize again
 - 19-Performed
 - 20-Cavalry weapon
 - 21-Told
 - 22-Holding, as of land
 - 23-Crow-like bird
 - 24-Path
 - 25-Arouse from sleep
 - 26-Elementary text-books
 - 27-Referring to literary symbols representation
 - 28-Above
 - 29-Part of house
 - 30-Exercise right
 - 31-Web-like membrane
 - 32-Serpent-lizard



DOWN

- 1-Make hole in
- 2-Forgetful
- 3-Two-sided
- 4-In gold, impeded by opponent's ball
- 5-Schools (French)
- 6-Cables of twisted hemp
- 7-Initiated
- 8-Derogatory (abbr.)
- 9-Domestic utensils of Romans
- 10-Press
- 11-Glitter coin of Italy
- 12-Afghanistan ruler
- 13-Colonial literature
- 14-Moist
- 15-Plaint of wound
- 16-Order in affected
- 17-Command
- 18-Arrange in list
- 19-All time
- 20-Wither
- 21-Contested
- 22-Morning moisture
- 23-Splashed joint
- 24-Put lie into
- 25-Statutes passed by making required
- 26-Tongue-laze member
- 27-Follow tracks of
- 28-Made commonplace by repetition
- 29-International cable
- 30-Fiber-producing plant
- 31-Dull noise
- 32-Increase in size
- 33-Turned over
- 34-Tenure over from
- 35-Ser-shaped ornament



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War-Time Weddings

WAR-TIME weddings are not without their humorous side. An R.A.F. officer was being married in a fashionable church, and a nervous young subaltern was acting as usher. Noticing a very dignified lady entering the church, the subaltern hurried towards her and inquired, "Friend of the bridegroom?"

"Certainly not," was the frigid reply. "I'm the bride's mother."

The war-time wedding was just over, and the organist was playing the first bars of the Wedding March.

"What's that?" asked a lady guest, turning to her husband. "Oh," he replied, "that's the beginning of 'Stormy Weather.'"

A naval officer was getting married, and was trying to rehearse the ceremony with his best man.

"And you're sure I have to be on the right side of Ethel?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," said the best man, "and on the right side of her mother, too."

The time came for him to give the ring to the bride, but for the life of him he couldn't remember what he had to say.

The minister prompted him. "With this ring—"

The bridegroom's face cleared and he gave a sigh of relief. "With this ring," he said volubly, "we give a written guarantee, reminding the customer that the purchase price will willingly be refunded in full if the article is not entirely as represented."

The war-time wedding knot had been well and truly tied. The soldier bridegroom turned to his bride's father and said, "Well, I'm glad that's over."

The bride's father laughed. "Over! My dear boy, it's only just started."

An R.A.M.C. officer hovered at the door of a church where a military wedding was taking place.

"Are you a friend of the bride or the bridegroom?" inquired the usher.

"No," the usher was rather taken aback, and asked timidly, "Then what interest have you in the wedding?"

"I'm the defeated candidate," was the grim reply.

A war-time wedding had been arranged to take place in a country church, and a stalwart sergeant and a pretty country girl presented themselves at the altar steps.

The ceremony started and proceeded smoothly until the minister asked the sergeant if he would take the girl for his wife. The sergeant remarked, "Excuse me, sir, but I'm not the bridegroom."

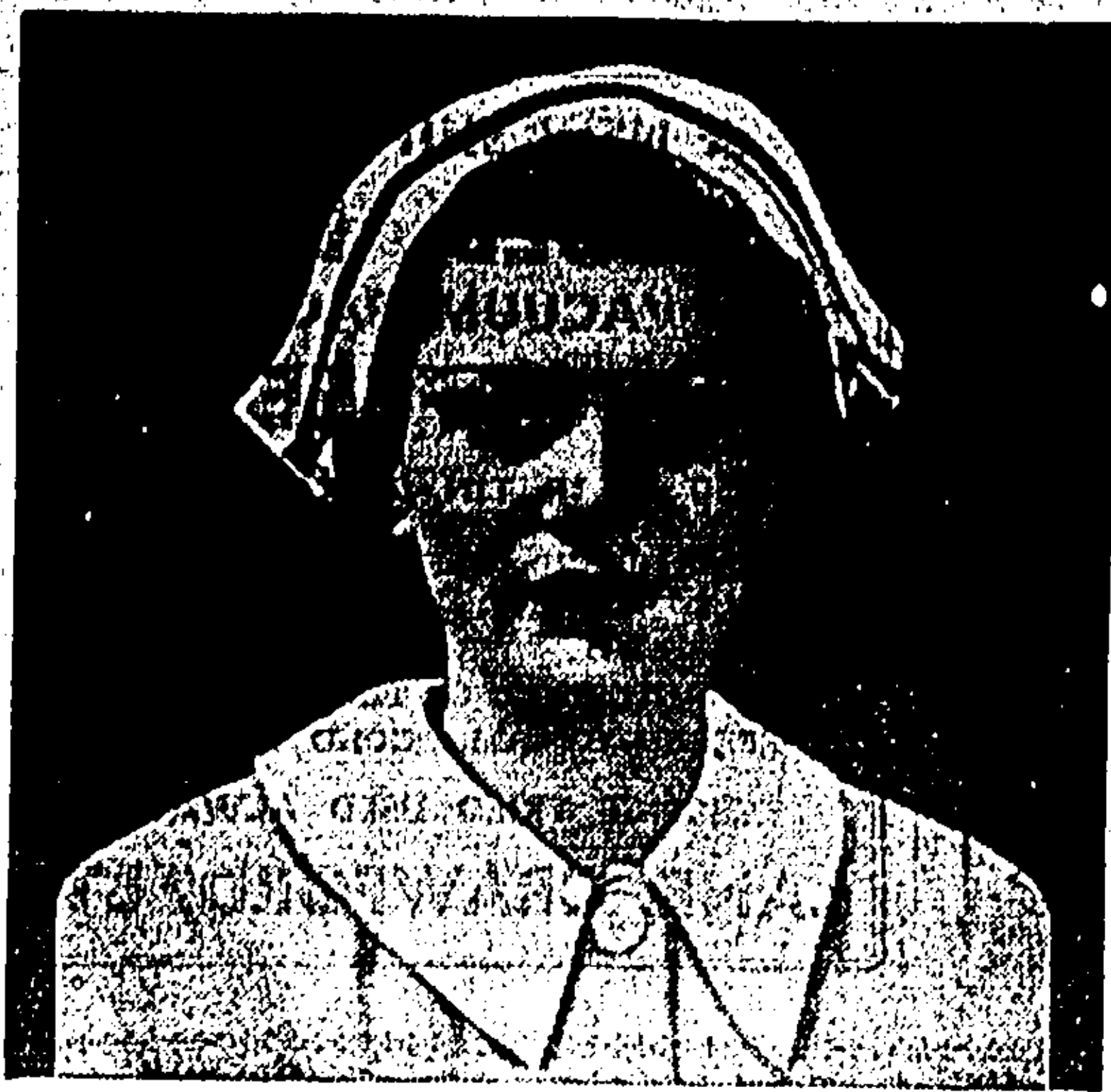
"Then where on earth is the bridegroom?" asked the startled minister.

"He's outside the door, sir," explained the sergeant. "He's only a corporal, and he's too shy to come in."

A Scottish war-time wedding was in full swing, and the bridegroom was in the Home Guard. One guest remarked to the best man, "The bride's no verra bonnie."

"Aye, I ken," agreed the best man. "But whif's far mair important is that she's a vegetarian and takes nae sugar in her tea. The bridegroom's a lucky man. He'll get her ration."

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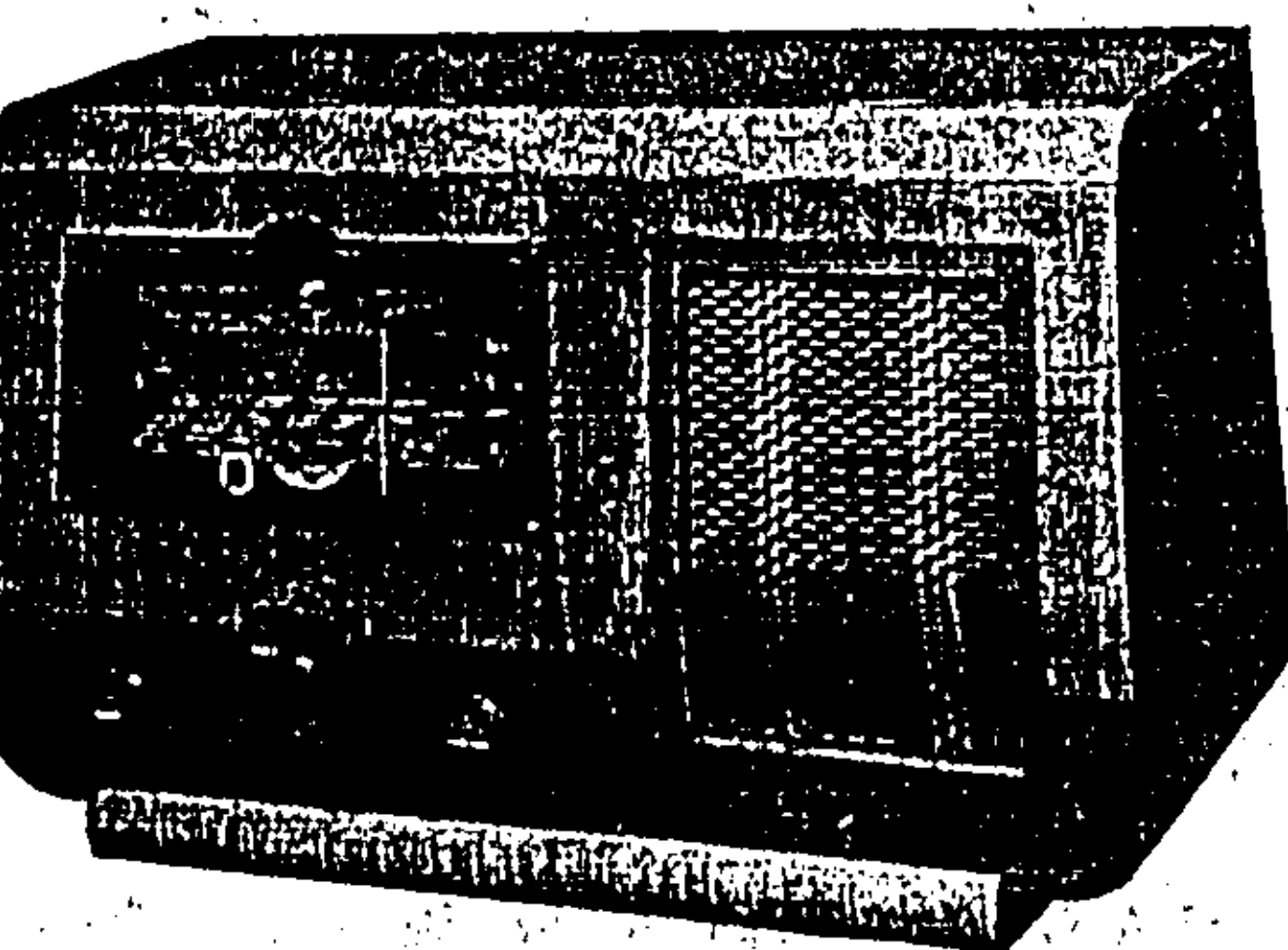
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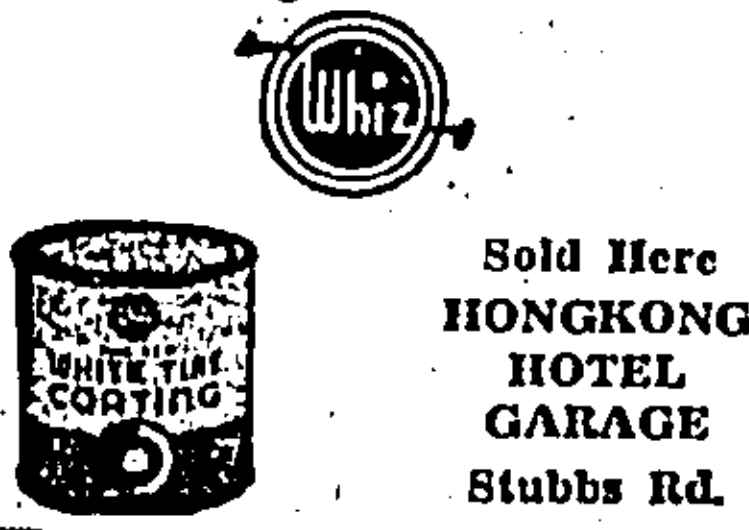
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BRITAIN'S SEA POWER

A few weeks ago the North African campaign monopolised the headlines of the world press. Attention then veered to Greece and the heroic fight the Grecoan and Imperial Forces put up against overwhelming odds. Greece has now fallen and attention is again being focussed on North Africa, where the stage is set for a determined German onslaught on Egypt. Hitler is losing no time in developing this attack, but whether he can succeed by another "blitz" is yet to be seen.

Greece has not proved a decisive action for Germany, but it has undoubtedly given her a number of air bases and supplies which should be advantageous in the anticipated drive towards the Suez Canal and the oil fields of Iraq and Iran. The acquisition of these places are pre-requisite to Hitler's drive for world domination. The need for oil, which the German Army must now be consuming at an alarming rate, forces him towards Iraq, while the occupation of the Suez Canal and Red Sea zone would link him with the Far East and the naval strength of Japan. But desirable as these points may be, it should not be forgotten that the ultimate and decisive battle will lie on the seas, where the battle is now, in fact, being fought.

The British Navy is even more silent about its work in wartime than in peacetime. It is doing in this war what four navies did in the last. It is also fighting an enemy equipped with more submarines, far better bases and more assistance from the air than was ever dreamed of in the last world war. Furthermore, the Irish bases cannot be utilised as refuelling stations by the British; yet, in spite of these increased duties and the difficulties to be met with in their execution, it is the Navy which still maintains the biggest blockade in history. It is fighting the U-boat menace; it made it possible for Greece to mobilise; it assisted General Wavell successfully to carry through the African campaign, and it is helping in the defence of Egypt to-day. The British naval units in the Mediterranean have successfully beaten the Italian navy, and are prepared to carry the offensive still further. Without defeating this sea power, Hitler's victories on land cannot win the war. General Smuts voiced this truth the other day when he stated, "Germany is winning victories and losing the war." Hitler is, however, astute enough to understand this

MANDEL FIGHTS the PEACE PLOT

France—the Whole Truth

Fifth Article in The Series by

ELIE J. BOIS

Famous Editor of the "Paris Parisien," who died in London on Monday



M. MANDEL—consistent opponent of the defeatist cabal round the Premier.

JUNE the thirteenth. Mr Winston Churchill had been told that the French Council of Ministers was divided.

He responded to an appeal made to him by M. Paul Reynaud that he should visit Tours to consult with the French Government.

He knew he would be asked to release France from the pledge she had signed not to negotiate either a separate armistice or peace.

The matter was of exceptional gravity, and he took Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook with him.

Mr Churchill's interview with M. Reynaud took place in one of the official rooms of the Prefecture and lasted a long while.

Everywhere, in the corridors, the hall and the courtyard, there was a turbulent crowd.

"I Insist On It!"

There were ministers, politicians, journalists, functionaries, place-hunters—all the hubbub of the Parliamentary lobbies during great Ministerial crises—and a woman.

This woman, Helene de Portes, came and went between the hall and the courtyard.

She wanted to get into the room where Reynaud and Churchill were conferring, but she was prevented from doing so and grew impatient.

She sent for Baudouin, reminding him of his promises, urging him to use all his influence with Reynaud. "Tell Paul that we must give up. We must make an end of it. There must be an armistice! Tell Paul so, won't you?"—from me. I insist on it."

Her face wore an angry expression, and her hair was ruffled.

A moment came when a man in uniform lost patience. He took advantage of M. Baudouin's return to the hall to say to him bluntly, as he pointed to where she was standing:

"Get that woman out of here, for the dignity of France. If not, I'll do it myself!"

By chance I met M. Reynaud at a bend in a corridor as he was coming out of the conference.

"You're not capitulating?" I asked, with anxiety.

"Never. Don't worry. But I'm forcing the note of

fully, and every shipyard under German control is working with this purpose in view. The Suez Canal is valuable to Hitler only because it would give him an unbroken link with the Japanese navy. The efforts of Berlin to obtain the French Fleet have been unending since France fell, and in all the talks between Berlin, Paris and Vichy the question of re-negotiating the dominant key-note. The battle for supremacy on the sea has begun and must continue until the decisive battle has been fought and won.

despair to get the English to give us the maximum of help."

Waiting For U.S.

M. Reynaud had sent a message to Mr Roosevelt, in which he begged him: "To declare publicly that the United States would grant the Allies moral and material support by every means short of sending an expeditionary force."

The two heads of Governments agreed to await Mr Roosevelt's reply, after which they would reconsider the situation.

After Mr Churchill, Lord Halifax and Lord Beaverbrook had left for London, a French Council of Ministers was immediately called.

Before going to it, M. Mandel had a telephone call put in to M. Langeron, the Prefect of Police in Paris.

Paris Rumours

It was to ask if anything abnormal was happening in Paris and whether the Germans were yet in sight.

The Prefect of Police answered:—

"In Paris the most complete order reigns. German advance guards are reported in the suburbs."

"Assure the Minister that all his instructions are being and will be faithfully carried out."

M. Langeron's words were sent on to M. Mandel and reached him just as he was taking his place at the council table.

M. Reynaud reported the gist of the conference which he had just had with Mr Churchill.

General Weygand reiterated his ultimatum of the day before in even more emphatic terms. They must ask for an armistice. News from the army was becoming more and more alarming.

He struck an attitude and, drawing a paper from his file, he said gravely, laying stress on his words:—

"Gentlemen, if I say we can wait no longer, it is not without reason."

"I have just had a telegram sent from the Admiralty, from which it appears that serious disturbances have broken out in Paris, and that Thorez (the Communist leader) has installed himself at the Elysee."

M. Lebrun started. All the members of the Council were thunderstruck. Except one!

Eve Of Disaster

M. Mandel indicated to the President that he had something to say:—

"I should like to reassure you, Mr President, and also the Commander-in-Chief and the whole body of the Council."

"There are no riots in Paris and M. Thorez, Mr President, will not sleep in your bed this evening."

"Are you doubting my word?" cut in General Weygand harshly.

lities of transporting available troops to Africa.

But before getting into the plane he pointed out to the head of the Government all the reasons for not despairing and the importance of resisting the evil influences which sought to envelop him.

His duty lay in Algiers or London. This was what, in a different tone and with similar arguments, Mandel repeated to the Premier each time he saw him.

But Helene de Portes was goading M. Reynaud in a different direction.

In this unparalleled period there was one man who fulfilled a difficult and burdensome mission with dignity, tact and patience.

This was the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.

I am sure that M. Daladier's memory of Sir Ronald Campbell is of a partner with whom he delighted to work and come to agreement.

I think that Sir Ronald's precision of mind must have been pleasing also to M. Reynaud.

I should be less ready to swear that Helene de Portes was fond of him. No! She did not like Sir Ronald Campbell, because she did not like Britain.

The Break

She did not like Britain because M. Baudouin did not like it either, and because Britain meant the Alliance with obligations which she was anxious to have broken.

Until the departure for Tours she did not express her feelings publicly.

At Tours she began to shake off restraint. At Bordeaux she went beyond all bounds.

Shall I inform Sir Ronald Campbell, or did he himself notice, that, if a door opened a trifle sometimes during the many interviews he had with M. Reynaud on June 14, 15 and 16, it was more often Helene de Portes who was to be seen there than an official or an usher?

She must have thought that this clean-shaven Briton with the piercing eye, whose easy dignity she found intimidating, was staying too long and was going to annul the influence she had exercised.

She watched eagerly for his departure to undo his work at once.

He suffered much at Bordeaux, where the defeatist cabal around the Premier, in the Foreign Office and among the politicians, had given up attempting to conceal their hostility to Britain.

They even went to the length of rudeness and boorish jest.

They gave the Ambassador, as his residence, a chateau 80 miles from Bordeaux in which there was not even a telephone. M. Mandel, when told, quickly put matters right.

Thirteen Votes

The fifteenth of June came to an end without a solution being reached. But there was no denying that the "capitulationists" were gaining ground.

Reynaud was ever more constantly badgered to make an end.

The news which spread among a few groups during this night disheartened some and delighted others.

"Thirteen votes in favour of capitulation and nine against," predicted a man who was skilled at estimating ballots.

To-morrow

Marshal Petain decides to speed up surrender. Mr Churchill's offer of Franco-British union is dismissed without discussion. Baudouin declines. Final efforts to save the French Fleet fail.

Tsui Brothers Enter Doubles Final Girls' International

Poor Exhibition By Sewell And MacDougall Low Standard In Hongkong

(By "Tinker")

IT IS A FLATTERING claim to make that one has reached the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis Championships, but it is far from flattering to the Colony's tennis to realise that a pair with the ability of G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall were ever able to travel that far. One has reached the stage, however, where one does not expect great things from the Colony players, but there should, at least, be some standard of play when it comes to the semi-finals of the local Championships.

The Tsui brothers entered the final last night at the expense of Sewell and MacDougall in three straight sets. The scores were 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, and at least three of those games were given away by the former champions.

It is perhaps, the unfortunate luck of the draw that the better of the pairs should have been drawn in the top half of the competition. But those who watched the match last night would hesitate to draw a mental picture of the standard of tennis that Sewell and MacDougall overcame to reach the second last round. If that which was produced last night was sufficient to carry them through.

The losers had hardly a winner in their make-up—the occasions on which they really won a point could be counted on one hand. The Tsui brothers toyed with the opposition, and took the opportunity of indulging in practice shots and service. Several of the balls which were going outside were taken in volley practice.

General Regret

I WOULD state here that this is not a caustic comment on the play of Sewell and MacDougall, but rather a sorrowful soliloquy on Hongkong's tennis. Year after year we have the same people in the final rounds, with no improvement over previous years. There is, it is true, a certain standard that has been attained, but this is confined to too few.

The Rumjahn cousins have upheld the Colony's reputation (such as it is) for many many years now, and though the Tsui brothers have joined them, their unchallenged reign is verging on the monotonous. Not that the Tsui-Rumjahn matches are losing their appeal—it is always of interest to see which of the two clans will take top honours—but it is certainly about time others made their presence known.

In this, perhaps, the Colony watches K. H. Yip and George Choy with the more interest for these are the best of the younger players who show promise.

The Match

HOWEVER, to return to yesterday's match—the Tsui brothers ran into a 4-0 lead, and only fine serving by Sewell gave the losers the fifth game. Sewell exploited a second service faster than the first and came out on top. They won the seventh game on the Tsui's errors and the set closed at 6-2. Again the Tsuis took a 4-0 lead in the second set, and conceded the fifth, but that was all.

Walter Hammond With R.A.F. In Egypt

Walter Hammond, the Gloucester and Test match cricketer, who recently took a commission in the R.A.F., recently arrived in Cairo to join the Middle East Command. Several well-known Arsenal players have also arrived.

OUTSIDER WINS TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The second war time turf classic season opened with a surprise when the Duke of Westminster's outsider, Lambert Simmel, ridden by Charles Elliott, resisted a terrific finishing burst in the last uphill furlong to beat the Maharani Sahib of Kholapur's Morogoro in the Two Thousand Guineas by two lengths. Lord Portal's Sunstable, which was greatly fancied in many quarters to win the Derby, was third a further one and a half lengths behind.

Probables For Third Classic

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Probable starters for the second Guineas classic—the One Thousand Guineas—which will be run to-morrow (May 1), will be: Keystone (Gordon Richards), Shrimp Sauce (Elliott), Rubina (Kirby), Dancing Time (Perryman), Norma (Beary), Beau Site (H. Wragg), Samanga (Jones), Turkana (Evans), Mercy (E. Smith), Thelma (Gomez), Booklet (Beasley), Miss Standfast and French Kin have no jockeys.

In the final set Sewell and MacDougall took the fourth game and then the sixth (4-2) and eventually lost 6-2. And so once more the Tsui brothers meet the Rumjahn cousins in the final—and this will take place on Friday week.



Mary Ng pitching China to victory in the International Softball final at the Kowloon Football Club last Sunday. Portugal were beaten 13-5. Dot Louie is catching, with Doc Molthen umpiring behind the plate.—Ming Yuen.

Opposition For Choy To-night

Blow From Cricket Ball Restores Sight

A BLOW from a cricket ball has partly restored the sight of a man who has been blind in his right eye for more than 10 years. The man is Stanley Lord, 50, of Melbourne.

Recently, while watching his mates playing cricket, he went to stop a ball to leg with his foot. The ball ran up his leg and struck his blind eye.

He rested for a time and then found he could distinguish light and make out vague forms with his blind eye. "It is a funny feeling," Lord told a Sydney "Daily Telegraph" reporter. "It is as though a mirror is always in front of me."

Lord, who is employed at Brunswick depot of the Board of Works, said he went blind because of a catarrh.

He had been told it was caused by some injury, but he could not remember having hurt his eye.

Coastal Regt Take Lead In Area Sports

Winning the first heat of the 480 yards high hurdles relay and taking first place in the pole vault final, 8th Coastal Regiment, Royal Artillery, snatched the lead from Middlesex at the conclusion of yesterday's events in the Area athletic meeting, which was continued in brilliant weather at Shamshulpo.

There were several good performances in the field events, notably in the javelin throw in which Bdr Pigeon threw 108 ft 8 ins. Chanda-Bhan Singh brought off the double by taking first in individual placing in the high jump, in which he cleared the bar at 5 ft 7 1/2 ins, and first place in the long jump when he covered 23 ft 3 ins. A. N. Other Singh of the I.K.S.R.A., caused a surprise when he cleared the bar at 10 ft 2 ins in the pole vault—by far one of the best efforts in the Army sports to date.

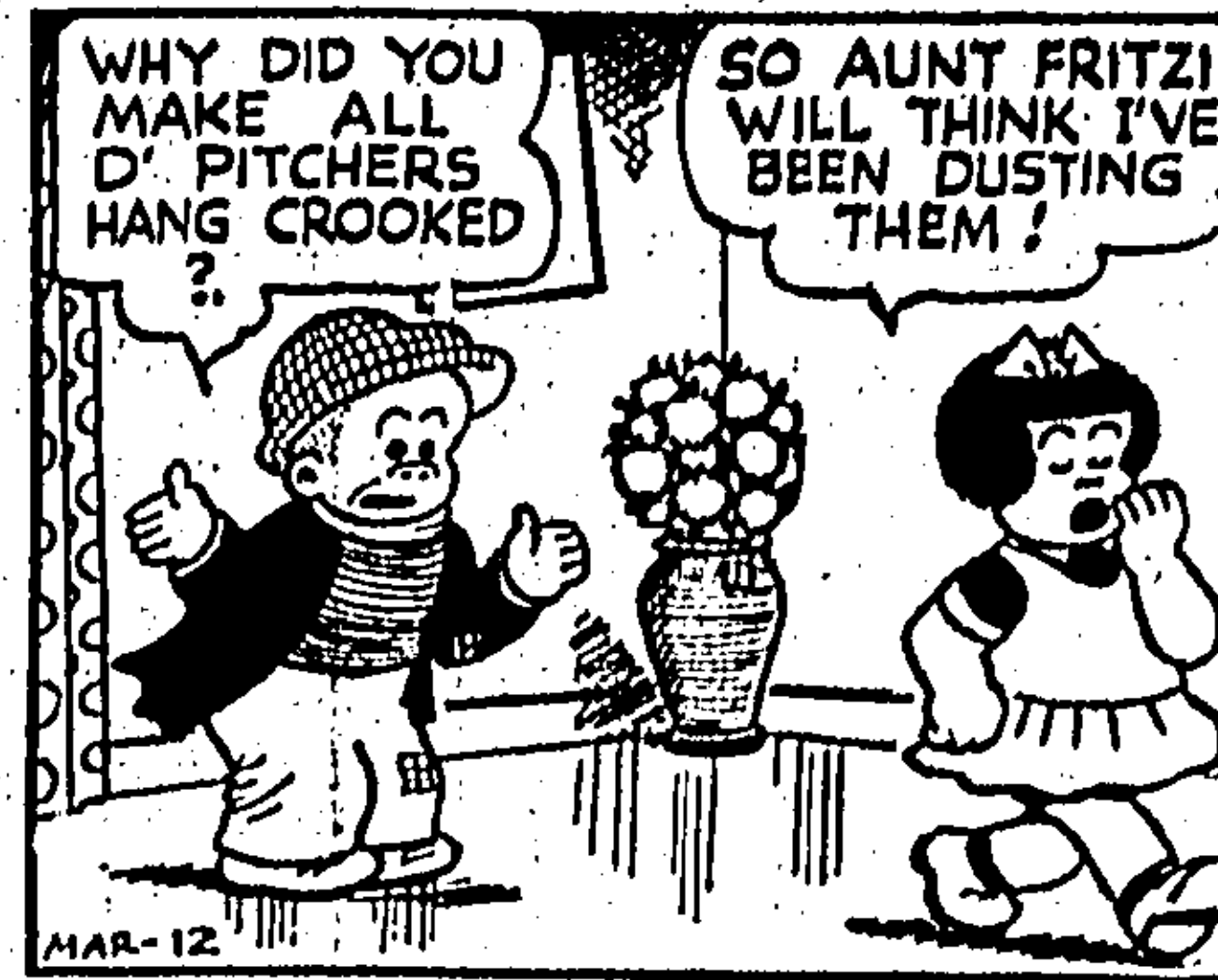
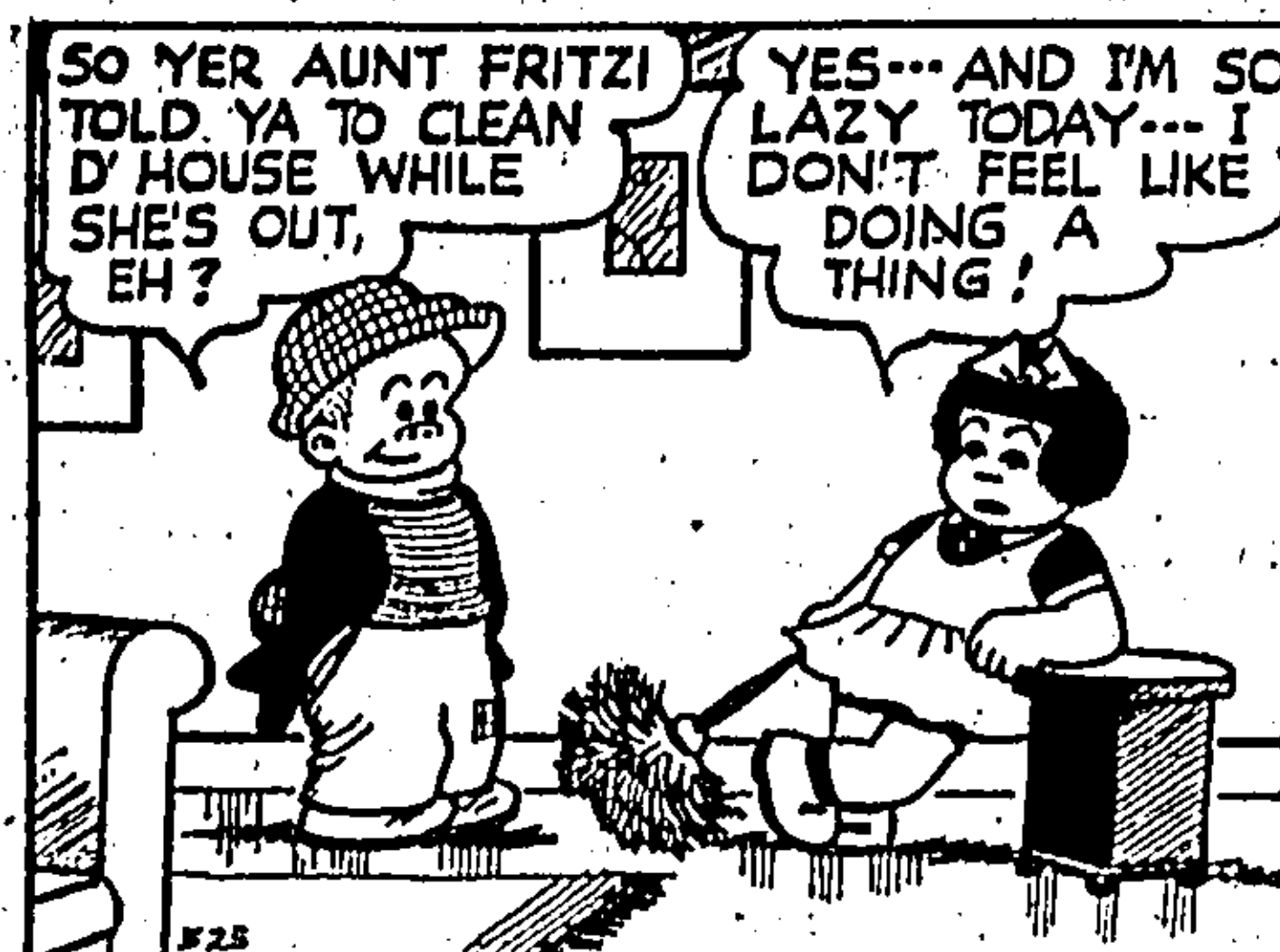
Magnificent Running

The One Mile Relay was the big event of the morning, and in this Middlesex Regiment came through with flying colours. The 57th Rajputs, who have already distinguished themselves in an other realm of sport, namely in the machine-gun competition at the recent Blisley meeting, shared top honours with 8th Coastal Regiment, R.A. in the High Jump, both teams aggregating 10 ft 10 ins. Chanda-Bhan Singh, of the Rajputs, however, was the best individual performer and best Capt. Eklavya, of the 8th Coastal, by one inch, clearing the bar at 5 ft 7 1/2 ins.

RESULTS

Yesterday's results were:
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SOMERSET MAUGHAM PLAY TO-NIGHT



The European Y.M.C.A. has chosen for its current dramatic effort W. Somerset Maugham's comedy, "Mrs. Dot." The first performance takes place to-night at 9.15 p.m., and will be followed by two other performances to-morrow and Saturday. Y.M.C.A. war charities will benefit. Above, the producer, Charles Thom (extreme left) is seen with the cast: Rita Cole, Lewis Benn, Fred Clemen, David Ingley, Winifred Dalziel, Peggy Sharpe, Ralph Dorrer, Norah Wicheil, Frank Willis and Bill Colledge. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Huge Airport Near Tokyo Is Opened

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, May 1 (Domel).—The largest civilian airport in the Orient was opened at Chofu, outside Tokyo, on Wednesday morning with a Shinto ceremony.
Built at a cost of Yen 4,600,000, the airport covers 400 acres and is three times the size of the Haneda Airport or 81.6 acres larger than Croydon airport, which is one of the largest civilian airports in the world. There are two 80-metre wide runways, one running from north to south for 1,000 metres, and the other from east to west extending 500 metres while the airport is surrounded by beacons to assist night flying, direction towers and landing lights.
The airfield, which is 50 minutes distance by car from the centre of Tokyo, situated in Kitatama in the suburbs, were completed by the labour of Middle School students and also of convicts, through the good offices of the Ministry of Justice.

Russia Masses Forces For May Day Parade, And—?

Special to the "Telegraph"
MOSCOW, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Soviets have massed dozens of squadrons of planes, heavy artillery and tanks for the May Day demonstration, coincident with the reports of the landing of German troops in Finland.
The newspaper "Red Star" to-day commented: "The international situation is extraordinarily complicated and fraught with surprises, but no matter what storm rages about us, the ship of state is continuing its course unflinchingly."
The former Finnish Communist Chief, Toivo Antikainen, writing in the "Pravda" said, "In capitalist countries behind our borders, national hatreds, beastly chauvinism and ideology, and plunderous war is spreading."
German Landings
MOSCOW, Apr. 30 (UP).—The newspaper "Pravda" quoting a report from Tallin said that German troops aboard four transports landed at Abo on April 26 and proceeded to Tampere on the 28th.
Official Denial
BERNE, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Reports of joint German and Finnish manoeuvres in Finland are officially denied in Helsinki, states a Swiss agency telegram from the Finnish capital.
No Confirmation
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—There is no confirmation in authoritative quarters in London of reports of the landing in Finland of 12,000 German troops with tanks and other equipment, says "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent.
Finnish Denial
WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The Finnish Minister, M. Hjalmar Procope, announced that his Government denies "emphatically and categorically" the Moscow reports that German troops have landed in Finland. He declared, "The fact is that German soldiers arrived unarmed at Turku in accordance with the transit agreement made last autumn and the total number of those troops is below 1,300."
Finnish Comment
HELSINKI, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—"The figures given by Moscow beat all previous records in exaggeration," is the official comment.
The Moscow newspaper, "Pravda," had said that 12,000 men with tanks and guns landed at the Finnish port of Abo.
"Reuters" Moscow correspondent states that report was received there with no great surprise.
According to neutrals, Germans in Moscow say that the troops are probably on their way to Narvik.
Nazi-Finnish Agreement
LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuters).—Nothing is known in London of the report that German transports have landed troops at Turku (Abo), just by the Gulf of Finland, says "Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent, who adds that the Germans have an agreement with the Finnish Government allowing the transit of troops through Finland to Petsamo and thence to northern Norway.
This agreement, which was regarded in London as unfortunate, was the subject of strong representations to the Finnish Government by Britain.
The agreement also allowed the transit of troops on leave in Germany through Finland on their return to their units in northern Norway.
It may well be that many troops on leave have been held up owing to bad weather, with ice and snow in

KING'S STARTS FRIDAY

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KING ROBERTS, as "KITTY FOYLE," America's White-Collar Girl, heroine of the sensational novel by Christopher Morley: The Natural History of a Woman with DENNIS MORAN, JAMES ORAYO, Eduardo Ciannelli, Ernest Cosart Gladys Cooper. Directed by Sam Wood, who made "Goodbye, Mr. Chips."
"KITTY FOYLE"

By Ernie Bushmiller

Plymouth Blitzed Fifth Time In Nine Nights

(By "Reuter" Staff Reporter)

PLYMOUTH, Apr. 20 (Reuter).—This front line city on England's southwest shore is assuming the mantle that was Coventry's. Last night, the fifth night in nine, the city endured again the full fury of the German night bombers.

No provincial city has suffered a more concentrated bombing, and to-day Lady Astor, speaking as Lord Mayor of Plymouth, referred to her city as the "worst blitzed town in England."

She was sending a message of thanks to Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, for the magnificent help of the Food Ministry in feeding the townspeople from flying food convoys.

To-night some of the city's streets are nothing more than a desert of dusty rubble. They are the streets which the citizens leave for the countryside when night falls. Some have even slept beneath hedges rather than face the horror of night bombing. Many are homeless. Others have homes which are damaged. They all join in the tramp to the country, and just before dawn come back.

The homeless are a pathetic sight. Some carry their remaining possessions tied in small bundles, and some push prams with what is left to them.

Streets Ablaze
Streets of this already stricken city blazed again last night. Flames leapt, fed by oil bombs. Then the ground shook to the crash of high explosives. Without even a momentary break this went on for some hours.

The clouds were low and targets could not be clearly seen, but this was no deterrent to the Germans who released their loads indiscriminately. The residential areas were shattered. The Germans seem to be set on the destruction of the city.

Food convoys are doing great work in feeding demolition squads, dockers and a large number of workers in some of the worst hit places of the town. Thousands of plates of soup, stew and cups of hot tea are being served daily as well as sandwiches.

Debts Owing By Enemy Notified At Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—In connection with the appeal to British subjects and companies throughout China to register forthwith with the British Embassy at Shanghai a statement of all debts owing to them from enemies, it is stated that the debts would be classified as far as possible in accordance with the following grouping, that is, according as they arise from or consist of:

- Group A.—(1) Supply of goods; (2) Rendering of shipping services; (3) Insurance transactions; (4) Rendering of other commercial services.
- Group B.—(1) Bank balances standing to the credit of British banks; Sub Section (a) Under standstill agreements; Sub Section (b) Others. Sub Section (1) on their own behalf; Sub Section (2) on behalf of clients.
- Group C.—Dividends, interest and other moneys payable as arising from shares, debentures and the like issued by companies which are enemies within the meaning of the third section.
- Group D.—Moneys due from property held in enemy territory, including moneys arising under wills, settlements, trusts or mortgages.
- Group E.—Moneys due in respect of patents, designs, trade marks and copyrights—(1) royalties and similar payments; (2) professional charges.
- Group F.—Any other moneys due to persons in the United Kingdom from enemies.

It is suggested that registered British subjects and companies in China should notify the Commercial Counsellor of the British Embassy in Shanghai with as little delay as possible of any debts and moneys as may be owing them by enemies.

A statement of claim without supporting documents is all that is required.

WAR FRONTS COMMUNIQUE

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—A British G.H.Q. communique announced: "Greece: The withdrawal of our troops is continuing satisfactorily. "Libya and Tobruk: No change in the situation. "Sollum: Patrol activities are continuing. "Abyssinia: Units of the Sudan Defence Force captured Sokota on Sunday last, inflicting many casualties on the enemy. A further 515 prisoners were taken, of whom 400 Colonial troops immediately volunteered to enter the Emperor's service. "In all other areas of activities, our own troops and to patriot forces continue to clear the country of isolated detachments."

Quaker Ambulance Unit For China

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Four members of the Quaker Ambulance Unit, under the auspices of the British Red Cross, led by Mr Peter Tennant, are leaving this week for Chungking for such service as the Chinese Government may think best.

ATLANTIC SERVICE

LONDON, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the British Trans-Atlantic Air Service will be resumed this summer for purposes connected with the war.

Harassing Invaders Situation In Egypt

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—Axis troops on Egyptian soil still halted around Sollum are continually harassed by British armed patrols, and concentrations along the coast road are shelled by the Navy.

The sun daily rises higher, the desert sands get hotter, sandstorms make it difficult to keep the engines cool and in any case the air is too hot to cool the radiators. These factors are creating difficulties for the Germans, particularly unaccustomed to desert warfare.

R.A.F. RANGES MIDDLE EAST

CAIRO, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. has carried out constant convoy patrols over certain areas of the Mediterranean. It is officially announced.

Enemy aircraft attacks were repeatedly repulsed. Concentrations of enemy planes at Derna and aerodromes in Cirenaica were heavily raided by the R.A.F. on Monday night. Many bombs burst among the dispersed aircraft.

This action follows the strafing by daylight of concentrations of Junkers troop-carrying aircraft at Benina aerodrome, where 110 lined up on Monday.

Benghazi harbour was also raided and there were many explosions.

R.A.F. fighters continued to harass the enemy by low-level machine-gun attacks.

Three enemy aircraft were shot down by anti-aircraft guns over Tobruk during the last two days.

EIRE ARMY VOTE

DUBLIN, Apr. 30 (Reuter).—The Dail by agreement passed without discussion the Army Vote for £8,383,888 for the year 1941-42.

The amount for 1938-39 the last army vote made in times of peace was £1,072,025.

Quo's Conferences
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—Dr. Quo Tai-chi to-day conferred with the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, and the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Jesse Jones, and is scheduled to visit Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury this afternoon.

LATEST BLUEBIRD RECORDS

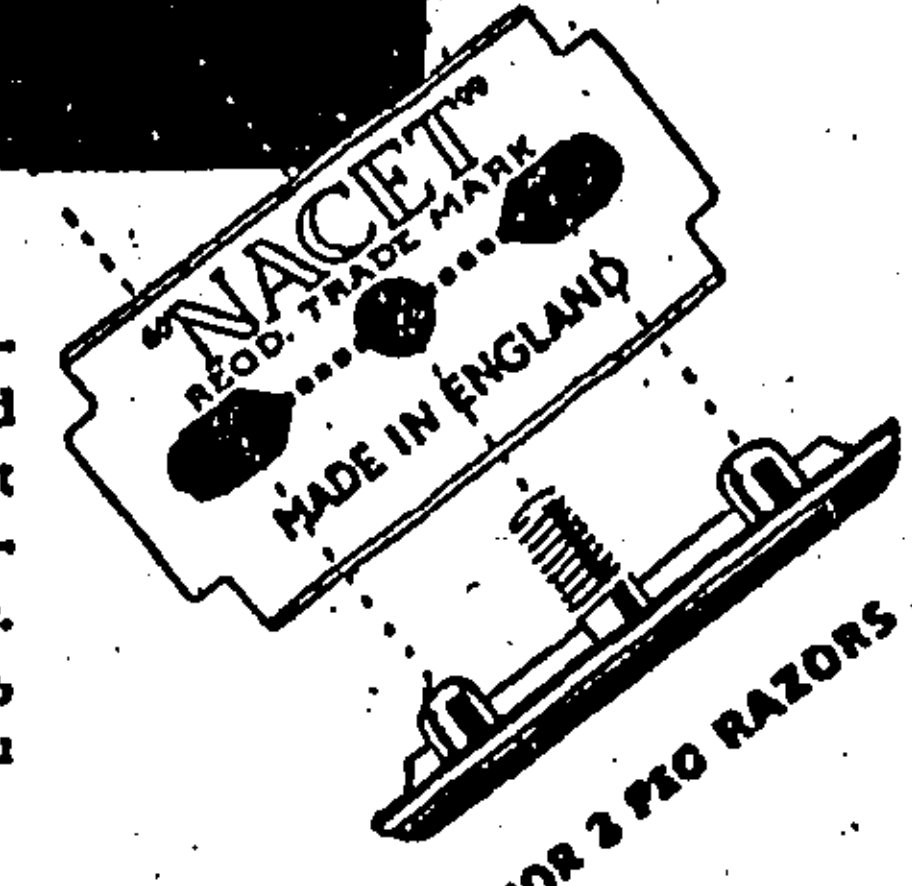
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- 1510673 I'll never smile again—f.t. The rumba jumps—swing rumba ... Glenn Miller and his orch.
- 1510507 Oh Johnny, oh Johnny—f.t. Ciri-biri-bi—f.t. Glenn Miller and his orch.
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'Tiny' Finds The Army Awkward

Private Alfred Ernest Nightingale, of the Royal Artillery, is one of the Army's biggest problems.

He is the tallest man in the Service, measuring 6 ft. 9½ in. and weighing 17½ stone.

His clothes and boots (size 16½) had to be fashioned specially for him. His outsize underclothing is made by his sisters.

Alfred, who is 23, and whose home is at Enfield, Essex, is one of nine children.

He is stationed in the North. "Things are awkward at times," he declares.

Officers' Dilemma

"My senior officers don't quite know where to put me when we're on a route march."

"Sometimes they think I would look best in the front rank, sometimes in the middle, sometimes in the rear."

As you might expect, Private Nightingale is known in the Army as "Tiny."

He is given one and a half times the ordinary soldier's rations—but that is unofficial.

He is a teetotaler.

Other Measurements

Here are some more of his measurements:

Neck 18½ inches, chest 50, waist 42, hips 47, reach 85, biceps 17, wrist 8½ and forearm 13½.

His greatest, and he now admits most foolish achievement, was to carry five cwt. of cement ten yards for a sixpenny bet.

The average soldier is 5 feet 8 inches tall.

Manila-Singapore Air Service

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week compared to the fastest steamer time of 27 days.

Hongkong's Position

The local office of Pan-American stated this morning that it was not yet known precisely how the proposed alternating of flights between Manila and Hongkong and Manila and Singapore would affect Hongkong, although the indication was that it would mean a curtailment of the Hongkong service.

It is not known whether Pan-American intend to operate flights between Hongkong and Singapore.

Navy's Newest Battleship's Power

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trained round and pointed to the right. A crack from a smaller gun and the light from a star-shell burst over a small patch of sea. I could make out the "enemy."

Then came the vicious ear-splitting explosions from the 5.25 inch guns. Almost—simultaneously—came a mighty over-powering woomph woomph as the great 14-inch guns opened up. My tiny platform was rocked.

Shells from the 5.25 guns seemed to whistle past within a foot or two. Clouds of cordite smoke and fumes almost choked me. I rubbed my eyes.

Target Straddled

In the bluish rays of the searchlight, a white column of water shot up as the shells straddled the target. Barrels of multiple pom-poms spat out more shells.

Later with my head ringing, my eyes smarting, I spoke to the gunnery officer. For weeks under his direction, the gun crews had been training hard to make the brand-new Prince of Wales one of the Navy's crack gunnery ships and the practice shoot had been most encouraging.

LATE NEWS



MORE JOBS NEEDED—New York City recently advertised 1,000 jobs open at \$15 a week or less, as hospital laundry workers and helpers. More than 4,000 applied, some of them college graduates and some waiting 24 hours in line, as above.

P.M.G. Has Cable Code For Lovers

Britain's Post Office has reduced love talk to a snappy code, so that affection can be cabled cheaply to troops overseas.

It's all done by numbers, and though special consideration has been given to Love there are other categories, such as Money and Health.

Mr W. S. Morrison, the Postmaster-General, announced the code at the National Defence Public Interest Committee's luncheon in London.

Not So Cold

It was found that in telegrams to soldiers the same phrases kept recurring, he said.

The code would shorten them and enable more telegrams to be sent.

"You may fear," said Mr Morrison, "that these stereotyped phrases will be as cold as those on the Field Service Post Card, but not at all."

"Here is one—'Kisses.' The next is 'Love and kisses.' The next is 'Fondest love and kisses.'"

"Thus every degree of affection is provided for. You pay your money and you can have your choice."

By choosing two numbers from the code you can say:

"You are more than ever in my thoughts at this time. I wish we were together on this special occasion. All my best wishes for a speedy reunion."

The numbers chosen will be translated by the operator at the other end, and the addressee will receive the full message.

And the cost to the sender will be 2s. 6d. (including signature and address)—a price which, under the present service, would have to be paid for six words, plus address.

For The Hard-up

The "Love" group contains about 100 standard phrases.

In the "Health" section No. 69 reads, "All well, children evacuated. Nos. 85 or 86 are—'Son is born' and Daughter born."

Number 103 in the "Money" group may crop up pretty often—"Glad if you could send some money."

No. 136, "Miscellaneous," strikes a special note: "Hearing your voice on the wireless gave me a wonderful thrill."

Another phrase which has been thought of is: "Good show, keep it up."

The new system is expected to reduce substantially the delays which have occurred in transmission of telegrams to troops.

Exciting Story Of Germans Seized

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down cartons of cigarettes. "It was all over before 3.30 p.m. and we were on route again."

"They Just Did It"

Mr Clarence Gauss, the newly appointed Ambassador to China said that he did not see the actual incident. Colonel Samuel Howard who is en route from San Diego to Shanghai to command the Fourth Marines said that he did not see the cruiser approach but later joined the passengers who were watching. He asserted, "They just did it and then headed off."

Stewards reported that a number of passengers were extremely friendly with the Germans and gave a cocktail party the night before the incident. They gave the Germans two cases of German beer as they left the ship. The Germans said they were not very keen on returning to Germany and getting stuck in the army.

No U.S. Comment

WASHINGTON, Apr. 30 (UP).—The State Department declined to comment upon the removal of the four German citizens from the President Garfield, pending receipt of official reports.

FIERCE RAID ON MANNHEIM

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fire. Another ship of 600 tons is claimed as damaged.

The ships were also machine-gunned and the gun crew of the largest ship are believed to have been disabled as the guns ceased fire before the attack was over.

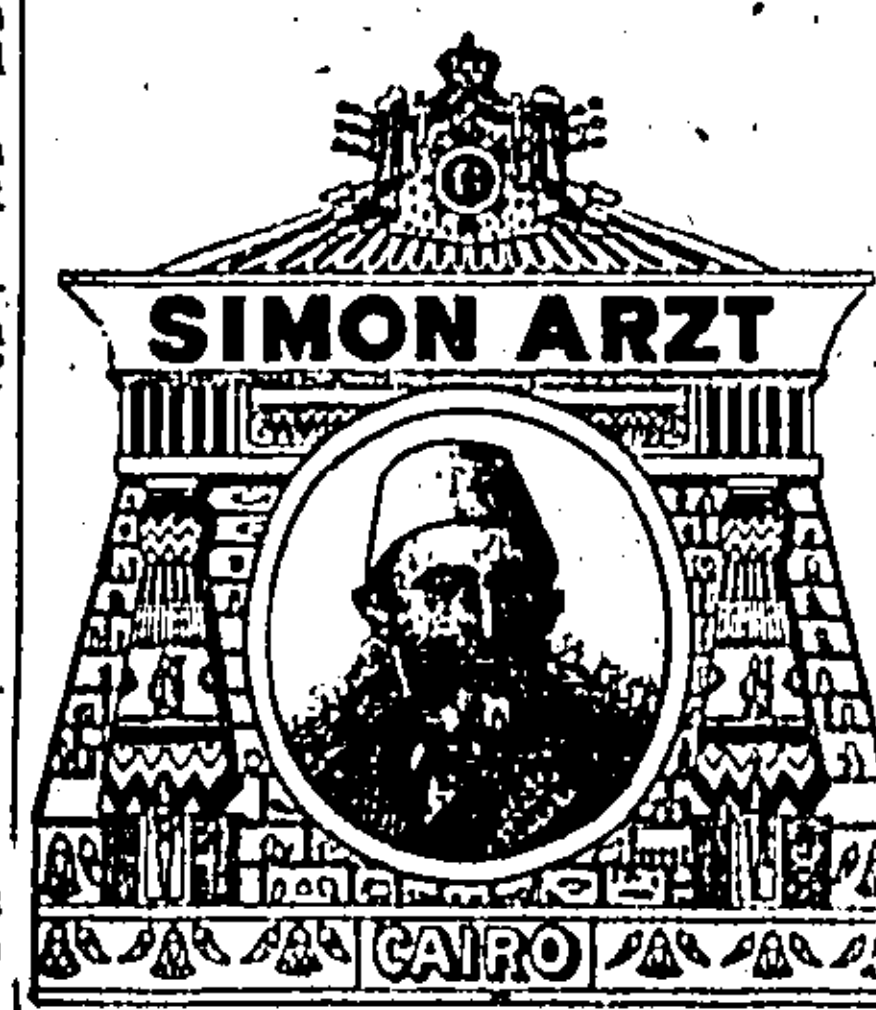
Several Messerschmitt 109's came in to drive off our aircraft and during the general engagement at least one was damaged by one of our bombers. Near the Isle of Brecht, southwest of the Channel Islands, and a few miles from the coast of France, a supply ship of 1,000 tons was successfully attacked by other aircraft from a very low level.

Off Norway

Off the coast of Norway, attacks were made on escorted supply ships. Diving to under 200 feet, two aircraft dropped bombs on the largest ship, a vessel of between 4,000 and 5,000 tons, and immediately after the bombs had exploded, the ship was well alight and she made a quick turn towards land. It is believed that she was severely damaged, perhaps beyond repair.

In the course of yesterday's daylight operation, attacks were made on other ships off the Norwegian coast.

An Air Ministry communique states that from these daylight operations, two R.A.F. Bombers and one fighter are missing.



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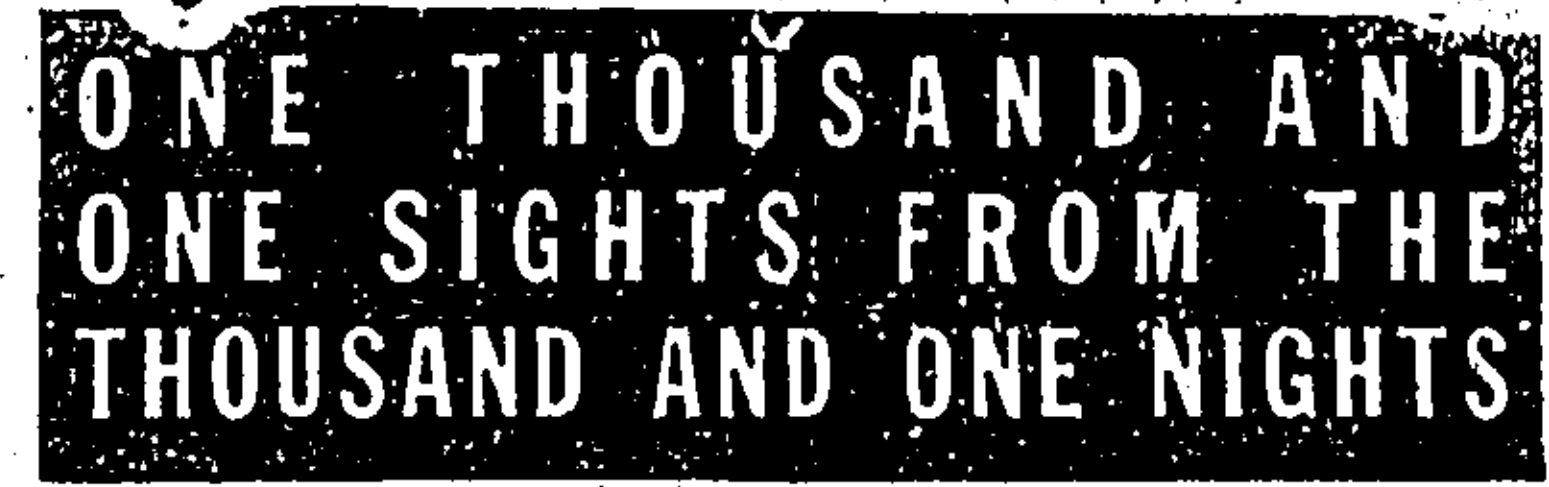
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